Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Where the Lady of the house welcomes you to talk to her Son" Roman Catholic

Established in 1898

ADDRESS & PHONE

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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

Praver Group meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the church.

STAFF

Administrator: Reverend Craig Hovanec Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Robert J. Glepko Retired Deacon: Deacon 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. Dean Mason Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim

MAY 8, 2022 **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY**

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.

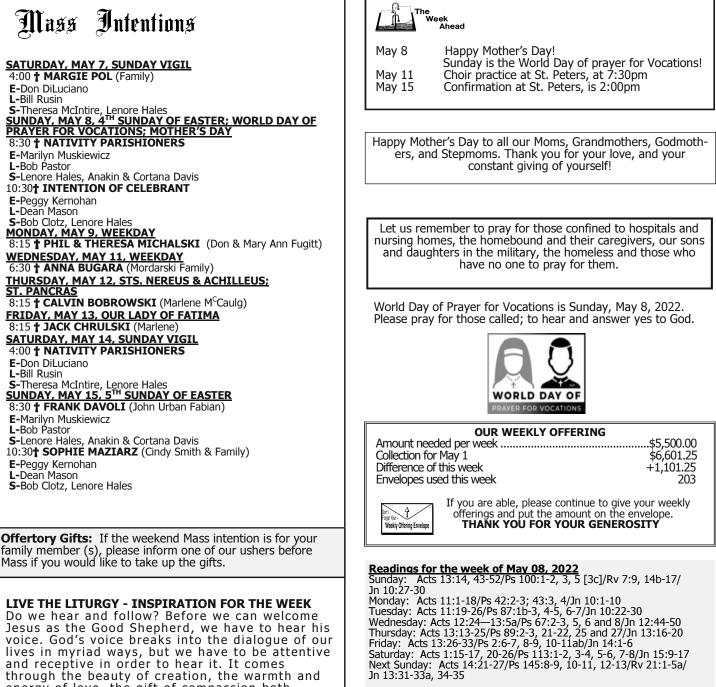
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

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

NATIVITY B V M PARISH



Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

First Reading:

For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." (Act 13:47) Psalm:

PSaim:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev 7:17)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (Jn 10:27-28) ©LPi

4THSUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish,

It's the beginning of the beautiful month of May when we celebrate the Blessed Mother and today First Communion for Carter. I was so proud of him and so proud how beautiful the singing and the flowers and the decorations were in our church as I watched the 10:30 am Mass. I thought Father Kosem did a great job even though his homilies are longer than mine! I'm sure Fr. Craig is doing a good job as administrator; he's a classy guy and knows what he's doing.

I now am in the middle of radiation treatments on my spine and so pain has shifted to different areas but I'm doing OK. I was there for the two Easter Masses and I didn't get a chance to thank everybody for your cards, your gifts, your flowers but especially your prayers. Please continue those prayers, I really need them.

I am so grateful that the Guardians have at least won two games in a row and I don't really care about the football draft. I'm not even sure if I will watch the Browns, I have questions about this new quarterback. Did I really say I might not watch?

I would like to hear from you occasionally. Send any notes or whatever to the rectory and they will be delivered to me. I hope you are staying well and happy. I miss you terribly.

God's blessings on all of you. Love, Father Bob - your retired Pastor

P.S. And thank you for the most beautiful banner that hung on the choir loft Easter Sunday, I will treasure it always!!!

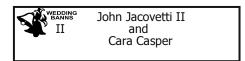


Please continue to pray for Fr. Bob. He thanks you from the bottom of his heart for all the prayers, gifts, and cards.

Let us pray for our Confirmation candidates that will be making their Confirmation May 15, 2022, 2:00 pm, at St. Peters Church: Anakin Davis Maria Bak Sienna Lowman Conor Nowak Sienna Lowman Conor Nowak Connor Galik Leighton Waynar Cooper Bingham Dean Duta Dean Duta

Parish 125th Anniversary Committee Kickoff Meeting

Nativity BVM Parish will be celebrating our125th anniversary starting in January, 2023. We are holding a kickoff meeting for anyone, who is interested in planning and helping with any aspect of this exciting year-long celebration, on Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs rectory meeting room. Please bring your enthusiasm and ideas. We look forward to working together with you!



PICNIC NEWS

The picnic committee is again looking for pop and water donations. They are in need of Pepsi, Diet Coke, Sprite and water. Just leave your cases in the vestibule of the church. We thank you for your continued support.

Picnic Craft Booth: Our church picnic is quickly approaching and the craft booth is in need of donations. Many beautiful items have been donated in the past and helped to make our picnic a success. If you would like to donate and make arrangements to drop off your donation, please contact Ronni Michalski at 440-522-8966. No donation is too small or too big and all donations are very much appreciated.

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