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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 3:30 pm

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

September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Saturdays 2:30-3:00 pm 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 6:30-7:30.
Ms. Lenore Hales, Director



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish of Lorain, Ohio, with over 122 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, SEPTEMBER 19, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

- E-Chris Korab
- L-David Arredondo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Deacon Bob Dybo
- L-Linda Dybo
- 10:30 † EDMUND BAK (Bak Family)
- E-Bob Stockhausen
- L-Karen Slavik

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE

8:15 † JOANNE CHULIG (Krystyna Niebrozydowski)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

6:30 † ANTHONY & JULIA KUSHINSKI, DOROTHY MAJCHER (Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, WEEKDAY

8:15 † JAMES TOMASIC (Cantu Family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, WEEKDAY

8:15 † PAVLOVCIC FAMILY (Alan Szarek Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † ANGELINE PROSAK (Family)

- E-Marilyn Barnard
- L-Ann Cecys

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Dean Mason
- L-Bob Pastor
- 10:30 † MARK DRAG (Simon & Katherine Gallic)
- E-Peggy Kernohan
- L-Bill Rusin

We remember in our prayers the family of Theresa Sadowski whose funeral was celebrated September 12, 2020. May her soul rest in the peace of Christ.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.

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September 21 PSR at 6:30 pm
Prayer service 7 pm
September 23 Bell Choir practice 7 pm

PRAYER AND PRESENCE:

A Journey of a Retired Priest

Fr. Richard Gonser, an adopted member of Nativity parish, has published his latest book, "Prayer and Presence: A Journey of a Retired Priest." Copies are available for purchase in the sacristy. A donation of \$15.00 is suggested. All proceeds benefit Borrowed Seminary in Cleveland.

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.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,900.00
Collection for September 13	\$6,554.00
Difference of this week	+654.00
Nativity Cares	\$250.00
Envelopes used this week	209



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 September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prg 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prg 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: EHz 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

First Reading:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

“Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?”

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Mt 20:14-16a)

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From the Pastor's Desk,

Hope you are staying safe and healthy and personally distant.

Watching the installation of our new bishop on Monday, I had mixed feelings! A feeling of sadness came over me because of how limited the seating was due to the corona virus. Ordinarily our cathedral would've been packed to the walls. On the positive side, I was impressed with our new bishop's homily. He seems to be well educated, happy to be here, and humble in his understanding of our relationship with the Almighty.

With our new bishop now running our diocese, I thought I'd give you some reflections personally of bishops that I have known. When I was in the seminary at age 14, I met *Archbishop Edward Hoban*, who led our Diocese from 1945 to 1966. He was called a prince among bishops. He had connections all over Europe and Rome. *Bishop Clarence Isenmann* served us next. It is said he wasn't the greatest administrator, but one on one (priest or otherwise), he was so kind and understanding. He was also a good cook during his retirement. *Bishop James Hickey* came next and ordained me and numerous others during his six years. I remember when he was upset at meetings, he would slam his ringed hand on the table. *Bishop Anthony Pilla* was homegrown and served us for 25 years. He appointed me as pastor at Nativity and is now 87 years old. He was a great handball player when he was a young priest, and taught us economics and social studies when he was just a seminary professor. *Bishop Richard Lennon* came from Boston and served our diocese for 10 years. He was our tallest bishop and had the very difficult task of merging or closing parishes. *Bishop Nelson Perez* was only here for three short years, and is now Archbishop of Philadelphia. He has a great personality and we were so fortunate to have him here at Nativity for Mass and a visit last September. In my homily I'll speak of a couple other bishops I knew personally. Please pray for our new *Bishop Edward Malesic* as he shepherds our souls and our church.

A little weekend humor:

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of the Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted it on the apple tray: "TAKE ONLY ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples..."

I don't know what to say about our Cleveland Browns!!!

With Him and His Mom,
Father Bob

ROSARY COAST TO COAST AT NATIVITY

Please join Nativity Parish as we participate in Rosary Coast to Coast 2020, a prayer rally uniting Catholics across the U.S. and the world, to call upon God through the powerful intercession of our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness and to pray for our community, church, families, and life. We will meet Sunday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m. Gatherings will take place simultaneously across all U.S. time zones. Let us turn to the powerful prayer of the Holy Rosary. We will meet outdoors weather permitting.

Visit <https://rosarycoasttocoast.com/rosary-coast-to-coast-2020/> for more information. Feel free to bring your comfortable lawn chair."

The rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." – St. Padre Pio

HELPING HANDS OF NATIVITY CARES

For the months of July, August and September, Nativity Cares distributed 76 food and gas vouchers in the amount of \$3750. In addition, \$500 was given to the St. Elizabeth Homeless Center to help with food for members of our community who are in need.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** coat or blanket collection this year due to Covid-19.

We are grateful for your support in helping Nativity Cares assist those in our community as well as our parish. God bless you and keep you and your families' safe during these uncertain times.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Good and Evil

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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