

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
Cincinnati, Ohio

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sunday:

10:00 & 12:00 pm – Welcoming Sunday, “Café”
8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
(Parish Office Atrium)

10:00 am – High School Religious Education, “Chapel”
12:00-5:00 pm – Players Rehearsals, “Café”
7:00 pm – Evensong, “Church”

Monday:

3:15-4:30 pm – Kindergarten Variety Rehearsal, “Café”

Tuesday:

3:00-4:00 pm – 1st Grade Variety Rehearsal, “Café”
3:00-4:00 pm – Girl Scouts, “Parish Office Basement”
6:30-7:30 pm – Market Day Pickup, “Café”

Wednesday:

9:15 am, & 10:30 am – Music Together, “Parish Office- Upstairs”
6:00-10:00 pm – Player’s Rehearsal, “Café”
3:00-4:00 pm – 3rd Grade Variety Rehearsal, “Café”

Thursday:

10:00 am & 4:00 pm – Music Together, “Parish Office - Upstairs”
10:00-11:30 am – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
(Parish Office Atrium)
3:00-4:00 pm – 4th Grade Girl Scouts, “Parish Office Basement”
3:45-5:15 pm – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-Level II
(Parish Office Atrium-Upstairs)

6:30 pm – Choir, “Church”

6:00-8:30 pm – Junior Girl Scouts, “Parish Office Basement”
7:00 pm – Brian Shirriff Presentation, “Chapel”

Friday:

5:30-7:30 pm – Fish Fry, “Café”

Saturday:

Readings

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45

Saturday, March 9, 2008 4:30 PM

Lectors: Ed & Paula Hoeffler, Sandra Willingham
Servers: John & Mark Hermann, Delanie Muenchen, Ben Sudberry
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve & Mary Ann Klonne, Chris & Patty Ritter, Jack Doyle, Sam Effler, Rick & Meg Rushing, Kevin Shaw, Amanda Sheeran

Sunday, March 10, 2008 9:00 AM

Lectors: Mark McLaughlin, Judy Wimberg, Mary Ann Romanello
Servers: Audrey Stegman, Michael Yarbrough, Sharon Krummen, Brookley Garry

Eucharistic Ministers: Gwen O’Brien, Juanita Stayton, Jeff Kelly, Molly Blenk, Joe Bouldin, Nicole Dapper, Lee Dickerson, Casey Wagner, Hannah Bader, Meghan Baston

Sunday, March 10, 2008 11:00 AM

Lectors: Joe Steele, Bea Souder
Servers: Garrett Steele, Meredith Bailey, Nate Tepe, Maria Prasek
Eucharistic Ministers: Ali Wilkens, Alex Woroncow, Tom & Will Muething, Tim & Cassie Willer, Jon & Meaghan Ashbrock, Stephanie Bellman, Liz Bellew, Sara Gurney

You are asked to remember in your prayers those who are housebound and ill, especially Janet Deck, Sue Odeh, Greg Olberding, Catherine Hamilton, Mildred Menkedick, Jamie Osher, Sue Gutman, Fr. Tom Axe, Doug Creedon, Maria Stavale, Kelly Seedhouse, Rick Ecabert, Rachael Farfsing, Damien Fellingner, Hazel Abner, Jim Stone, Marie Donovan, Gladys Hornback, Pat Ney, Francis Coyne, William Bach, Carl and Laverne Lamping, Randy Rupp Sr., Rita Funk, Roy Huwel, Jackie Goetz, Florence Tierney, Joe Hagedorn, and Anita Runnels. Also, we ask that you pray for those serving in the military.

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am – For the People

Monday: 8:15 am – Anne Yeager

Tuesday: 8:15 am – Rita Phillips

Wednesday: 8:15 am – Bill & Ann Placke

Thursday: 8:15 am – Fr. Ralph Lawrence

Friday: 8:15 am – Celebrant Intentions

Saturday: 4:30 pm – Stan Mabry

Next Week’s Outreach Collection will be going to the Joseph House. The Joseph House is a homeless shelter for veterans who provide programs to rebuild their lives, especially to combat alcohol and drug addiction. Also, the home provides meals, housing, recovery services and coping skills.

February 17, 2008

<i>Offerings</i>	<i>\$12,728.50</i>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>10,900.00</i>
<i>Over (under) Budget</i>	<i>1,828.50</i>
<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>404,719.40</i>
<i>Year to Date Budget</i>	<i>392,600.00</i>
<i>Over (under) Budget</i>	<i>12,119.40</i>
<i>Catholic Ministries Appeal</i>	<i>501.18</i>

February 24, 2008

<i>Offerings</i>	<i>\$10,258.00</i>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>10,900.00</i>
<i>Over (under) Budget</i>	<i>(642.00)</i>
<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>414,977.40</i>
<i>Year to Date Budget</i>	<i>403,500.00</i>
<i>Over (under) Budget</i>	<i>11,477.40</i>
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	<i>640.54</i>

Thank you

Eucharistic Ministers your March schedules are ready for pickup in the Sacristy. *Thank you!*

Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held at Holy Trinity, Monday, March 10th at 7:00 pm.

The Baptismal Program for March has been cancelled and will resume on April 6th at 1:00 pm, in the Parish Office basement.

STRESSED OUT? WINTER BLAHHS GOT YOU DOWN? SICK OF ICE AND SNOW? Learn some simple but effective relaxation and meditation techniques from Mr. Brian Schircliff on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel. Mr. Schircliff has been teaching a Christian Meditation class at St. Xavier which has been very popular for over ten years. He offered a session at Nativity last year (which was well received) and you need not have attended that evening to gain some good from this one. We are all too stressed out!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal: Please pledge your support for six of our very important regional church ministries, through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. **100%** of your contribution goes to Catholic Social Services, campus ministries, lay and ordained ministries education, St.

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Rita School for the Deaf, support of our retired priests, and chaplains for our hospitals and prisons. Our parish goal this year is \$19,000. Please visit www.catholicAppeal.info for more information. *Thank you in advance for your support.*

Lenten Sunday Evensong will be celebrated **tonight** at 7:00 pm in Church. It's not too late to make a Lenten resolution to join us for these beautifully sung prayers. It takes around 35 minutes.

Lay Leaders of Prayer: *This six evening workshop is designed to train lay people to lead some of the rites of the Church when a priest is not available. The workshop offers solid liturgical theology, as well as teaches the importance of the assembly at prayer and the role of the lay leader of prayer. Dates are April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, and 15 at St. Dominic Church in Delhi, 7:00-9:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in this workshop.*

Nativity Boosters Mulch Sale: The Nativity Boosters are once again selling mulch to the Pleasant Ridge and the surrounding communities. FREE LOCAL DELIVERY to all who order a minimum of ten bags. The cost is \$4.00 per bag. You have a choice of high quality black platinum or cypress. Proceeds benefit all sports organizations at Nativity. For more information or to place an order, contact Joe Muenchen, 731-4250 or any 6th, 7th or 8th grader at Nativity. Delivery is Saturday morning, April 5th.

Serve Homeless Families during Lent...and Beyond: Thank you to the many who responded (23 individuals/families) to **Nativity's Thursday Night IHN Hosting Schedule!** Dinners are scheduled for all 6 dates! Please know it is equally critical that we secure *Evening Hosts* (7:00-9:00 pm) and *Overnight Hosts* (9:00-6:30 am), 2 adults or an adult and a teen, as well to fill our commitment. Remember, these families are just like ours who have hit an unexpected rough patch. As part of the IHN program, all guests are screened including drug testing. **We still need 1 additional evening host (May 8th) and an additional overnight host for (July 3rd and August 28th) to completely fill our first 4 hosting dates.** *Reach beyond your comfort zone...and spend a few hours just down the street at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church serving, just as Jesus did!* Call Med Muething (351-9819) for more details or to volunteer.

Boosters Card Tourney: Please mark your calendars for April 5th for this year's Boosters Card Tournament, starting promptly at 7:00 pm. The event features Euchre, Texas Hold "Em, door prizes, split-the-pot raffle, beverages, and a meal. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please call Mike Garry at 937-313-1469.

FYI: If you would like a 2007 contribution statement, please call the Parish Office (531-3164) and we will be happy to mail one to your home.

Holy Trinity Church, Norwood, will have the Way of the Cross every Friday evening in Lent at 7:00 pm. The services will be held in the church building.

The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati is in need of volunteers. Tutor a child or adult with low level literacy skills. Locations and times to fit various schedules are available. Please call (513) 621-READ for information on upcoming training sessions. Change a life through literacy!

"Preach the Gospel and as a last resort, use words" These words from St. Francis eloquently describe the work done by volunteers at Pregnancy Center East: People caring for others in their time of need lift their hearts and helps them in ways you may never know. Have you ever considered being a volunteer at Pregnancy Center East? Volunteers spread the Gospel by their presence to women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy or providing for their children. Call or email

today to find out more about how you can help 321-3100 or pregnancycentereast@fuse.net.

2008 World Day of Prayer is being held on March 7th, 1:00 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church (Parkman and Grand Vista Avenues.) You are invited to join Nativity and the other area Churches for music, prayer, reflection and refreshments. If you have questions, please contact Mary Zenk at 631-7572.

ST. ANN'S Outdoor Stations of the Cross... scheduled for **Friday, March 14th**. Hand-created by students, the Stations will be displayed outdoor around the school grounds. Join this new tradition at Nativity (now in its 4th year) and pray the Stations with your child (individual classes will sign up for 20 minute time slots throughout the day), with a group of parishioners at 10:00 a.m. or on your own throughout the day until 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Library News: The first annual poster contest featuring the theme "The Pleasant Ridge Library: A Community Treasure" was sponsored by the Pleasant Ridge Library and the PRCC Library Committee. Congratulations to all the Nativity students who were among the winners announced at a recent awards program. Fran Newberry won first prize in the teen group. In the children group (up to age 11), Nativity students captured the three top awards. Cara Daley won first prize; Meredith Bailey won second prize and Juliana Glaser took third prize. All the winning posters are currently on display in the main library area.

It's not too early to begin thinking about Nativity's Fall Fest and the Bid-n-Buy Booth! Shop the winter sales for great holiday decorations and furnishings. I have plenty of room to store items so shop and donate early and often! If you need suggestions, just call me! Popular items last year: new bikes and furniture, theatre and sports tickets, Bengals and Reds memorabilia, gift baskets, power tools, jewelry, and household items. I am wrapping up as Booth Chair so I am looking for one or several co-chairs to take over one of the biggest and busiest Fall Fest booths for Fall Fest 2008...just needs organization skills, and some free time. We have a great volunteer staff in place; the booth just needs someone at the helm. Please call me, Peg Ashbrock to discuss at 793-9331.

A Note of Thanks: The 6th grade Girl Scout Troop #6943 would like to thank the generous donor who purchased cookies from us at the Fish Fry this past Friday. The cookies will be divided between Ohio Valley Residential Services and The Caring Place. *Again, thank you for your generous contribution!*

College Age Men and Older: You have a first-rate opportunity to see if the priesthood is for you. If you have ever thought about being a priest, if you desire to be a force for the Lord as a priest, to spend your life for the salvation of souls, you are invited to an informative **Welcome Weekend** at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The weekend will give you an excellent sampling of what it would be like for you to be in training for the priesthood. The date is **Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th**. To get information and to make your reservation, please call the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131 or register online at <http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/fm03282008.php> March 16th.

~Please remember Nativity in your will~