

This Week at Nativity

Sunday:

8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"

12:30 pm – Stations of the Cross, "Church"

1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, "Chapel"

1:30-6:00 pm – Players, "Café & Music Room"

Monday:6:15-7:30 pm – 1st Grade Boy Scouts, "Art Room"**Tuesday:**

7:00-8:00 am – Men's Prayer & Discussion, "Chapel"

7:30 pm – Boosters, "Café"

Wednesday:

7:30-7:55 am – Centering Prayer, "Chapel"

9:15-10:15 am – Wednesday Wonderings, "Chapel"

6:00-9:30 pm – Players, "Café & Music Room"

7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting, "Parish Office"

Thursday:

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"

9:45-10:30 am – Music Together, "Parish Office"

4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, "Parish Upstairs & Basement"

7:00 pm – Choir, "Church"

Friday:3:00-4:30 pm – 3rd Grade Girl Scouts, "Library"

5:30-7:30 pm – Fish Fry, "Café"

Saturday:9:30-12:00 pm – Jesus Day-1st Communicants, "Café"

12:30-9:00 pm – Players, "Old Gym, Café, & Music Rm"

Please call the Parish Office before scheduling any event.

A complete list of parish events can be found at

<http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/calendar>**Readings:**

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 4:30 PM**Lectors:** Nancy Ciarniello, Mary Gene Kling, Nancy Ciarniello**Servers:** Madeline Volker, Catie Strode, Grace Albrinck**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nathan Albrinck, (Volunteers Needed)**Sunday, March 26, 2017, 9:00 AM****Lectors:** Doug Davis, Wayne Chapman, Beth Adkins**Servers:** Olivia & Peter Wilke, Greta Albers, Finnigan Barrett**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lucy Lorbach, Joe Schmidt, Darlene Casey, Liz Bellew, (Volunteers Needed)**Sunday, March 26, 2017, 11:00 AM****Lectors:** Sarah Peters, Michael Mohr, Pat Dells**Servers:** Charlie & Andy Peters, Ray Ravenna, Claire Reasoner**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Odeh, Mary Lennard, Pat Dells, (Volunteers Needed)**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach

Stephanie Benhase

Alberta Carter

Diana DeRhodes

Barry Funk

Liam Kaufman

Claire Overbeck

Monica Runyan

Sr. Joan Schimian

Barbara Valentine

David Bell

Mary Jo Beresford

Angela Casey

Roman Dietz

Jackie Goetz

Lin Laing

Fran Pielage

Bill Sandman

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Victoria Behringer

Dottie Brinker

Barbara Cottrell

Joe Doering

Krystyna Kamp

Sandra Mertes

Bradley Resch

Caitlyn Sanderson

Jane Udry

Jan Weaver

Friends & Family

Sheila Caldwell

Brian Lauer

John Mack

Greg Morley

Holly Rough

Peg Schuckman

Barbara Wernke

Rod Griffin

Amy Leigh

Doug Martin

Cathy Ramundo

Suzie Rumsey

Mary Ellen Spaitte

Michelle Lattore

Paul Lereck

Annette Mason

Bob Ross

Pam Sabo

Mike Tebbe

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation and pastoral visits.**Mass Intentions**

Sunday	9:00 am	For the People
Sunday	11:00 am	For the People
Monday	8:15 am	Benefactors
Tuesday	8:15 am	For those serving in the military
Wednesday	8:15 am	For those in nursing homes
Thursday	8:15 am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	8:15 am	Tom Myers
Saturday	4:30 pm	Celebrant Intentions

Church Offerings

	<u>March 12, 2017</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Regular Collection	\$6,840	\$310,069
School Support	398	11,883
Online Donations	7,238	121,060
Total Weekly Collection	14,476	443,012
Weekly Budget	10,800	403,800
Over/Under	3,676	39,212
St. Vincent de Paul	783.22	

Next Weekend's Second Collection will be going to our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Answering Christ's call, they foster hope by providing spiritual, emotional and material assistance on a person-to-person basis to the poor, lonely and forgotten in our community.



Please join us at the Nativity Parish Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent, in the school cafeteria from 5:30-7:30 pm.

March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday of Lent



The Power of Prayer: How does prayer play a role in your faith? Do you ever feel as if God isn't hearing you? Are we really okay with 'not knowing' why things happened or did not happen? How did prayer 'renew' or 'strengthen' your faith or relationship with God? Does hearing others' experiences in faith and prayer help you? Sometimes it's not about what God does for us, rather how/what He has done for others. Let's get together and discuss how praying guides our faith. Let's take this opportunity to get to know one another and strengthen the Nativity community. Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 pm. Come and bring a friend (or two) to join you! Feel free to email with any questions to Molly at ganz@fuse.net.



Congratulations to everyone for the fantastic support at the Centennial Mass. I had numerous people approach me and comment on how our group adds a lot to the Mass.

We have another opportunity to support the Parish. The Men's Group will be singing at the 11:00 Mass on March 26th. We will have our usual guys-only practice on March 22nd at 8:00 pm. Please shoot the usual "count on me" email to bojbenningscincy@gmail.com so I can have a handle on numbers. *Thanks again!*



RCIA Members of the Elect preparing now for Baptism at the Easter Vigil are shown here at the cathedral after the celebration of the Rite of Election:

Darcey Thornton, Immaculee Bakai, Gnilim Batoma and Tega Batoma.

2016 ANNUAL FUND...WE NEED YOUR HELP IN "COMPLETING OUR PROJECTS!" The Good News...to date, 138 families have donated \$61,000 to our 2016 Annual Fund and we are at 61% of our goal of raising \$100,000. The Bad News...over that same time period during our last Annual Fund, 199 families had donated \$101,000 to the Annual Fund, surpassing our goal of raising \$100,000. If you have not already contributed, please give soon so we will know how much funding is available to complete our projects over the summer months. Your donation will help renovate the school art room, replace desks and chairs in designated classrooms, and finish installing new doors and security equipment on parish ground. For more information and to make a donation, go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund>. Or you may make out a check to Nativity Annual Fund, and mail it to 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213. *Thank you for your continued support of Nativity!*



Nativity will host its annual **Parish Mission** during Lent on Sunday, April 2nd through Tuesday, April 4th. Our guest speaker is Jack Jezreel, a nationally-known presenter on social action and founder of the JustFaith program. The Mission will kick-off with a Family Parish Potluck Dinner on Sunday, April 2nd beginning at 5:00 pm with presentation ending at 8:00 pm. Presentations on Monday and Tuesday evenings will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Complimentary babysitting will be available on-site all three nights.

Join us for play group...The Nativity play group meets **every** Monday and the second Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 am. The upcoming Saturdays are April 8th and May 13th. We meet in a room on the second level of the Parish Center. Ring the door bell and we will let you in. We have an open room, a bunch of toys, and really great people. No need to RSVP, just come join in the fun when it works for your family's schedule. All are welcome! No need to be Catholic or a Parishioner. We look forward to meeting you! Contact Janet Nawroth at janetnawroth@hotmail.com or (513) 519-1532 with any questions.



OPERATION RICE BOWL **The first pillar of Lent is PRAYER.** We pray to grow in our relationship with God, and ask God for guidance on how to live our lives. In our prayer, we also thank God for the gifts we have been given, and we pray for those who have less than we do. During Lent, we can make an extra effort to pray each day to become the person God calls us to be.



Reconciliation and the Lenten Penance Service will be held on March 27th at 7:00 at Holy Trinity Church in Norwood.



Sign Up sheets for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers will be in the Sacristy for the upcoming Holy Week.



Way of the Cross: Every Sunday at 12:30 pm join us for this simple yet profound prayer accompanying Jesus on his final steps to Calvary.

Spring is near...Teddy's Closet, the clothing room at **The Caring Place**, is in the process of rotating out the winter clothes and ready to accept spring clothes. So as you prepare for spring cleaning, please consider donating any gently used items that you no longer need or want. We can use the following items: underwear and socks for men, women and children; ties and belts for men; and linens. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support as we help our neighbors in need.

Men of the Archdiocese: Have you ever wondered if you might be called to be a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Wonder what a deacon does and what it takes to become a deacon? If so, please attend an information meeting, along with your wife on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Parish, 5222 North Bend Road. For more information and to register, please contact Deacon Mark Machuga at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2641 or deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org.

~Please remember Nativity in your will~

March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday of Lent