

This Week at Nativity**Sunday:**

Jesse Tree Gifts are due by Noon

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

9:00 am Mass – Bambinelli Sunday, "Church"

1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, "Parish Office Basement"

1:30-3:00 pm – Robotics, "Café"

Monday:

9:30-10:30 am – Play Group, "Parish Office Upstairs"

7:00 pm – Reconciliation, "Church"

Tuesday:

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

6:30-7:30 pm – Cub Scouts, "Library"

7:00 pm – Advent Musical - (Grades 5-8), "Church"

7:00 pm – Education Commission, "Chapel"

Wednesday:

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

9:15-10:15 am – Wondering Book Group, "Chapel"

3:00-4:00 pm – Wolf Cubs, "Library"

6:30-8:00 pm – Math Counts, "Room 201"

7:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration, "Church"

Thursday:

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

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

7:00 pm – Advent Concert - Grades (K-4), "St. Sebastian"

7:00 pm – Choir, "Church"

Friday:**Saturday:**

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:

Isaiah 7: 10-14 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-24

Saturday, December 17, 2016, 4:30 PM

Lectors: Nancy Ciarniello, Bea Souder, Nancy Ciarniello

Servers: Alex Robinson, Madeline Volker, (Volunteer Needed)

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Klonne, Dick Meirose, Bea Souder, Nita Toennis, (Volunteers Needed)

Sunday, December 18, 2016, 9:00 AM

Lectors: Brendan Cronin, Chris Wilke, Wayne Chapman

Servers: Gavin Weisgerber, Olivia & Peter Wilke, Rachel Farfsing

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Hermann, Judy Parsons, Wayne & Jan Chapman, Robert Preston, Michaela & Michaela Townsend, (Volunteers Needed)

Sunday, December 18, 2016, 11:00 AM

Lectors: Ed Smith, Bob Stewart, Tom Donelan

Servers: TJ Kaufman, Patrick, Caroline & Kathleen Jennings

Eucharistic Ministers: Jason & Thomas Darrah, Lynn McDonald, Kathy Symons, Mary Lennard, Cali Meyers, (Volunteers Needed)

Sick & Shut-Ins

Bill Bach

Mary Jo Beresford

Angela Casey

Joe Doering

Krystyna Kamp

Sandra Mertes

Mary Piepmeier

Sr. Joan Schimian

Barbara Valentine

Jan Weaver

David Bell

Dottie Brinker

Barbara Cottrell

Barry Funk

Liam Kaufman

Claire Overbeck

Bill Sandman

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Stephanie Benhase

Alberta Carter

Diana DeRhodes

Jackie Goetz

Lin Laing

Fran Pielage

Caitlyn Sanderson

Jane Udry

Monica Wagner

Friends & Family

Sheila Caldwell

Michelle Lattore

John Mack

Cathy Ramundo

Peg Schuckman

Mike Tebbe

Rod Griffin

Amy Leigh

Doug Martin

Holly Rough

Mary Ellen Spaite

Barbara Wernke

Bob Jennings Sr.

Paul Lereck

Greg Morley

Pam Sabo

Please pray for those who have died, especially Amelia Rutishauser, daughter-in-law of Eleanor Rutishauser.

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	Mary Lou Haley
Sunday	11:00 am	Gertrude Tyirin
Monday	8:15 am	Tom Honerlaw
Tuesday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Wednesday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Thursday	8:15 am	For those living in nursing homes
Friday	8:15 am	Joy Morley
Saturday	4:30 pm	Troy Strode

Church Offerings

	<u>December 4, 2016</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Regular Collection	\$ 8,355	\$ 156,757
School Support	330	7,549
Online Donations	527	65,612
Total Weekly Collection	9,212	229,918
Weekly Budget	10,800	248,400
Weekly Over/Under	(1,588)	(18,482)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 562.05	

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be going to the Caring Place. The Caring Place was established in 1982 by a coalition of churches serving Golf Manor, Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, and Silverton. Their goal is to provide services to members of these communities that are in need of food and clothing. Right now they are in need of coats, hats and gloves.

December 11, 2016 – Third Sunday in Advent



Reconciliation for 2nd graders and the parish will be this Monday evening, December 12th at 7:00 pm in church. There will be several priests available.

Aging religious need your help: Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others...educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Completing Our Projects – 2016 Annual Fund: So far, 63 families have donated \$21,735 to the "Completing Our Projects" 2016 Annual Fund. Please make your donation today to help renovate the school art room, replace desks and chairs in designated classrooms and finish installing new doors and security equipment on parish grounds. Your donation will make a difference in improving our campus! For more information and to make a donation, go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund>. Or you can make out a check to Nativity Annual Fund, and mail it to 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45213. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Nativity.

Register now for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University: January 2017...it's a new year. NOW is the time to take control of your finances! Nativity families are invited to register for *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University*. This 9-week course shows you how to get rid of debts, manage money, spend and save wisely and more. See insert for more information or go to www.nativity-cincinnati.org.

We will, once again, be holding a Science and Engineering fair for our Upper School students on January 27, 2017. It is an important opportunity for our young scientists to develop important skills in the science and engineering disciplines, as they explore questions and problems that they, themselves research and test. As students gather and analyze their own data, and then come to understand what that data might mean, it is important for them to have the opportunity to explain that process. We cannot provide this experience without you! We need judges to listen to and evaluate the work that students submit. If you have a background in the sciences or engineering fields, we need you. If you would be willing to serve as a judge for some part of the day on January 27th, please email Sue Daniel at suzanne.daniel@nativity-cincinnati.org.

HOLY FAMILY: We know families are important, but how much thought, prayer and discussion do we put forth towards the topic of family? Holy Family is a 4 week immersive journey to consider these questions and help us all grow closer to our families and to Christ. During the Fridays of January you are invited to join other Nativity families to intentionally sit down and consider how you do family life. **WHEN:** Fridays of January (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) from 6:00-8:15 pm, in the parish office basement. Pizza dinner at 6:00 pm, childcare from 6:30-8:15 pm and adult sessions from 6:45-8:15 pm. Please RSVP to Paul Zlatic at paulzlatic@gmail.com for planning purposes. Please include the ages of the children you will need childcare for in the email.

Calling all guys and dolls! Nativity Players needs YOU for our Spring 2017 production of *Guys and Dolls*. Auditions will be held Sunday, January 15th from 1-5 pm and Tuesday, January 17th from 7-9 pm, in the cafeteria of the school. We are looking for males and females aged 15 and up. The show may be double-cast. You will be asked to: perform a reading from the show (available at nativityplayers.org) OR perform a short monologue of your choice; sing a song of your choice, preferably from a musical...an accompanist will be provided (bring piano sheet music please.) You may also bring an accompaniment CD; or learn and perform a short dance routine. Please bring a head shot and resume, if you have them. Show performances will be April 28, 29, 30 and May 4, 5, 6. This is the Nativity Players' FINAL show, so we want to make it the best ever and go out with a bang! We would like to extend a special invitation to our "regulars" from past shows. It would be great if as many of you as possible could come out for our swan song! Director: Patti Newberry; Asst. Director: Colin Cronin; Producer: Kevin Clarisey; and Musical Director: Joe Beiting. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Clarisey at kclarisey@fuse.net.

Mass in Celebration of the 50th World Day of Peace on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God will be held on January 1, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, at 11:00 am, celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Mass will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Pope Francis has announced that the theme for the World Day of Peace is "**Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace.**"



The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in church. Begin a practice that can nourish you spiritually throughout the year.

Volunteers Needed: We are still in need of **Lectors** and **Eucharistic Ministers** for the holiday Masses (sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy.) **Servers** are needed for the Midnight and 11:00 am Masses. If you can help out, please give Cindy a call at 531-3164.

2017 Calendars are here...located in the back of church.

~ Remember to keep Nativity on your Christmas Gift List ~