

This Week at Nativity

Sunday:

1:30-3:30 pm – Al-Anon, “Parish Office Basement”

Monday:

School Closed

Cafeteria Closed

Tuesday:**NO** Men’s Prayer & Group Discussion, “Chapel”

School Closed

Cafeteria Closed

Wednesday:

7:30-7:55 am – Centering Prayer, “Chapel”

School Closed

Cafeteria Closed

Thursday:

Parish & School Offices Closed

Friday: New Year’s Day

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9:00 am – New Year’s Day Mass, “Church”

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 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 2, 2016 4:30 PM**Lectors:** TBA**Servers:** Nathan Albrinck, Margaret Allaire, Hunter Evans**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bitsy & Samantha Smyjunas, Ryan

Reese, Rita Timoney, Erin Murphy, Helen Vollman,

(Volunteers Needed)

Sunday, January 3, 2016 9:00 AM**Lectors:** TBA**Servers:** Jack & George Fisher, Jackson Glass, Will Gossard**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Beckman, Bill Sandman, Sr.

Janet, Sarah Law, Dave Morris, Henry Faulk, (Volunteers

Needed)

Sunday, January 3, 2016 11:00 AM**Lectors:** TBA**Servers:** AJ & TJ Bock, Zachary End, Patrick Jennings**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sara Gurney, Shawn Hostiuck,

LeAnn Cummins, Pat Dells, Mary Lennard, Lisa Harper,

Renee Bock, (Volunteers Needed)

Men’s Prayer & Discussion: Please join Fr. Paul and other men from our parish community on Tuesday mornings, from 7:00-8:00 am in the Chapel. Prayer & Discussion will begin again on Tuesday, January 5th.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers...

Sick & Shut-Ins

Chuck Andrew	Bill Bach	Stephanie Benhase
Dottie Brinker	Alberta Carter	Barbara Cottrell
Diana DeRhodes	Joe Doering	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Pete Haskamp	Bob Hatfield
Liam Kaufman	Anthony Le	Molly Matre
Alexander Nemeth	Claire Overbeck	Fran Pielage
Mary Piepmeier	John Schomaker	Barbara Valentine

Friends & Family

Gene Abner	Kathy Kelly	Matthew Kenney
Michelle Latorre	Paul Lereck	John Mack
Annette Mason	Doug Martin	Cathy Ramundo
Holly Rough	Peg Schuckman	Mary Ellen Spait

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

Contribution totals for the week of December 20th & the Christmas collection will be given in the January 3, 2016 bulletin, due to the early deadline of the bulletin and the short work week.

You can give online to Nativity by going to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving>

Please remember Nativity in your will

Mass Intentions

Sunday	9:00 am	For the People
Sunday	11:00 am	Roger & Nita Toennis (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Monday	8:15 am	Tom Honerlaw
Tuesday	8:15 am	Shut-Ins
Wednesday	8:15 am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Friday	9:00 am	For the People
Saturday	4:30pm	Benefactors

Next Sunday’s Outreach will be going to The Caring Place. It’s beginning to feel a lot like winter! The Caring Place is in need of new or gently used winter coats, boots, socks, underwear and blankets. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help pick up weekly food donations on Monday and Tuesday mornings starting in January. If you are interested, please call The Caring Place at 841-1499 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

FYI: The Parish Office will be closed through New Year’s Day. We will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Sweet Ministry Opportunity: Hundreds of our neighbors count on bread being at the Caring Place in Kennedy Heights every Tuesday

December 27, 2015 – The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

So far, 88 Nativity families have made a pledge to the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign.

Please make your pledge before Christmas! To date, Nativity has received \$510,015 in pledges from 88 families and is at 70% of its goal of raising \$725,000. This means that only 13% of Nativity households have made a pledge to the campaign. Imagine where Nativity would be with 20-25% participation. Recently, Archbishop Schnurr announced that One Faith, One Hope, One Love had met its minimum Archdiocesan goal of \$130 million. "Be assured of my profound thanks for your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of this historic effort to help build the Church for generations to come, said Schnurr." To those still prayerfully considering a pledge, I emphasize that the goal we've attained is only a minimum, and that our critical ministries will continue to benefit from all further help you can provide. Nativity is in Block III and only 24% of the 85 parishes in Block III of the campaign have met their individual parish goals. Money raised through the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign will support the following: 50% will support Catholic education, 12% will go towards fostering vocations, 10% will support retired archdiocesan priests, 8% will go to Catholic charities and 20% will come back to Nativity to fund parish projects. If all parishioners who have pledged pay 100% of their pledge, Nativity will receive \$95,490! When making a pledge, you may designate which ministry you wish to support. If you choose to include a check, please make it out to the Catholic Community Foundation. If you have any questions, you may contact Fr. Paul or Julie Abraham in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for supporting One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign and Nativity!



Eucharistic Holy Hour: Why make a Holy Hour? We spend time with those persons who are important to us. A time in prayerful adoration is time with Jesus in the Eucharist. In the midst of very busy, over-scheduled, and noisy lives, the prayerfulness and quiet before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is sure grounding in the spiritual life. The next Holy Hour will be held on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm in church. Begin a practice that can nourish you spiritually throughout the Year.

Celebrate: Vespers and Choral Concert for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be held on **Sunday, January 20th at 7:00 pm** in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, 45230. The service will be led by Fr. Paul Ruwe, a member of the faculty. Music will be sung by the Athenaeum Chorale. The public is invited to attend. All are Welcome!

morning. Fortunately, Busken Bakery makes this bread and other pastries available for free! All we have to do is go get it. It's a lot of fun work for a couple of hours. For the past 20 years this "small ministry has been done with great love" by Jim Bellew and Ron Pflughaar. They are unable to continue this meaningful ministry. So, we **need you for just a couple of hours on Monday mornings.** Fortunately, Mike McNamara 520-4722 or mike@planehelp.net and Chris Ritter 477-1162 have committed to coordinating this effort. However, they can't do it every Monday, and we guess that you might not be able to do every Monday morning either. So, we are asking you to pray to see if you are being called to do something small and sweet with love. Typical schedule: 7:00 am meet at Busken's (Edwards Road back dock at Madison Road) to fill bags with bread, etc.; 9:00 am after a coffee, pastry & fellowship, deliver loaded bags to the Caring Place; we are generally done by 10:00-11:00 am. It's a loving way to begin the week. If you can answer the call of providing bread to our neighbors in need, we need you for 1, 2, 3, or even 4 Monday mornings every month. Please call us! Or, if you have questions, don't hesitate to call. We would love to have you join us.

A group of retired Catholic school principals and teachers are exploring the possibility of providing a framework for retired employees to continue their connection to one another and to contribute to the mission of Catholic education. We will kick off the Retired Catholic School Employees Association (RCSEA) with Mass on Sunday, January 10th at Fr. Francis de Sales Church in Cincinnati, next to Purcell Marian High School. All retired Catholic school employees are invited: teachers, administrators, office staff, custodians, cafeteria workers, instructional aides, full or part time. After Mass, there will be a brief meeting of those interested. Our email is retcathschempassoc@gmail.com.



Lucas Kenneth, son of Michael and Lindsay Schulte was baptized here at Nativity last weekend. *Congratulations to the proud parents!*



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Roger and Nita Toennis who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary here at Nativity at the 11:00 Mass. *Many blessings to the both of you!*

Happy New Year!

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