

**This Week at Nativity****Sunday:**

Welcoming Sunday – After 9:00 Mass only

8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, “POB”

No Baptism Program

12:00-1:30 pm – Advent Family Gathering, “Café”

1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, “Chapel”

3:00-5:00 pm – Robotics, “Café”

**Monday:**

6:30-7:30 pm – Cub Scouts, “Café”

**Tuesday:**

7:00–8:00 am – Men’s Discussion Group, “Chapel”

7:00 pm – Visit of St. Nicholas, “Church”

**Wednesday:**

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

3:00-3:30 pm – Math Count Children, “Library”

3:00-4:30 pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownies, “POB”

3:30-5:00 pm – Math Counts, “Room 201”

6:15-9:00 pm – Advent Evening for Women, “Café”

**Thursday:**

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, “POB”

4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, “POB &amp; POU”

7:00 pm – Choir, “Church”

**Friday:**8:15 am & 7:00 pm – Immaculate Conception Mass  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**Saturday:**Note: PO – Parish Office

POB – Parish Office Basement

POU – Parish Office Upstairs

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 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
Mark 13: 33-37**Saturday, December 9, 2017 - 4:30 PM****Lectors:** Sister Carren, Mary Ann Romanello, Sister Carren**Servers:** Grace Albrinck, Ellie Allaire, Jack Davis**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nicholas & Nathan Albrinck, Margaret Allaire, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sunday, December 10, 2017 - 9:00 AM****Lectors:** Joe Nolan, Suzanne Burgei, Joe Nolan**Servers:** Nicholas Simpson, Michelle Townsend, Louie Van Rens, Tommy Vonder Haar**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jan Brown, Joe Schmidt, Liz Bellew, Beth, Megan & Jackson Glass, Darlene Casey, Anthony Kulhanek, Georgia Henley, VOLUNTEER NEEDED**Sunday, December 10, 2017 - 11:00 AM****Lectors:** Bob Herring, Bob Stewart, Eileen Lee**Servers:** Charlie & Andy Peters, Claire Reasoner, Marlee Rush**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn McDonald, Sue Odeh, Sophia Lawson, John Finn, Eileen Lee, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Alberta Carter	Angela Casey
Barbara Cottrell	Rachel Cronin	Diana DeRhodes
Roman Dietz	Joe Doering	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Tom Grogan	Krystyna Kamp
Liam Kaufman	Judy Lococo	Fran Pielage
Ron Rulon	Monica Runyan	Bill Sandman
Sr. Joan Schimian	Maureen Sullivan	Jane & Carl Udry
Barbara Valentine	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

**Friends & Family**

Sheila Caldwell	Bob Finn	Michelle Lattore
Brian Lauer	Amy Leigh	Paul Lereck
George Long	John Mack	Doug Martin
Annette Mason	Rose Ann Miller	Bob Mitchell
Kince Moore	Greg Morley	Cathy Ramundo
Bob Ross	Holly Rough	Suzie Rumsey
Pam Sabo	Peg Schuckman	Mary Ellen Spaite
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	Anne Roketenetz
Sunday	11:00 am	For the people
Monday	8:15 am	Eugenie Lee
Tuesday	8:15 am	Loraine Wolf
Wednesday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Thursday	8:15 am	Mary Ferkenhoff
Friday	8:15 am & 7:00 pm	Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday	4:30 pm	Nativity Benefactors

**TOTAL OFFERINGS**

	<b>November 19, 2017</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Offerings	6,508	157,502
School Support	510	6,999
Online Collection	7,377	64,995
Total Offerings	14,395	229,496
Budget	10,800	226,800
Over (Under) Budget	3,595	2,696
Campaign Human Development	1,353	

**TOAL OFFERINGS**

	<b>November 26, 2017</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Offerings	6,818	164,320
School Support	50	7,049
Online Collection	807	65,802
Total Offerings	7,675	237,171
Budget	10,800	237,600
Over (Under) Budget	(3,125)	(429)
St. Vincent de Paul	2,307.38	



**Next Weekend's Outreach Collection** will be going to **"Retirement Fund for Religious."** Our Archdiocese has been and is very blessed with the presence and ministry of so many religious. I think of the collection as an expression of gratitude for the years of service these dedicated people have given us. They have made and continue to make an impact on our personal lives and the life of the Church through their prayer and ministry. It would be easy to assume that over the years the need has diminished; it has not. While progress has been made in ensuring care of all members, the need is still very real for many communities. This collection supports the day-to-day care of thousands of senior religious. It also offers funding to help religious institutes implement long-term retirement strategies that allow for both the care of older members and their continued service to the People of God. – *Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr*

**Special Collection is scheduled for Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:** At their 2015 General Assembly, the Bishops of the United States voted in favor of a national collection in 2017 to support the work of completing the mosaic of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. Please see today's insert.



**Make your tax deductible 2017 Annual Fund donation before year's end!** Make your "Into Our Second Century" donation

before December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to take it as a 2017 tax deduction. Also, with the stock market at an all-time high, you may want to consider the donation of appreciated stock. For information on the tax advantages of donating appreciated stock, consult your accountant or financial advisor. Contact John Puljanowski at [john.puljanowski@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:john.puljanowski@nativity-cincinnati.org) for instructions on donating stock to Nativity. To donate to the Annual Fund on-line, go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund>.

**St. Ann's "Feed the Need" Program:** Join us in St. Ann's efforts to "Feed the Need" during Christmas by purchasing or funding any amount of \$5 grocery certificates which will be provided to St. Vincent de Paul (through January 3) to distribute to their growing number of clients. This is a perfect holiday opportunity to feed the hungry, just as Jesus asked us to do. Buy "Feed the Need" grocery certificates in honor or in memory of someone special (a neighbor, friend, grandparent or other family members.) We will provide a nicely-designed acknowledgement card for you to present. Please send your contribution to fund grocery certificates to the parish, school offices or place in the collection basket marked "Feed the Need." The donation forms will be in the back of church.

**Christmas trees are here** and we are in need of a bunch of volunteers to sell the Christmas trees. Get a group of your friends together and work some shifts as a team. Please seriously consider volunteering your time for a very important cause. Please go to <http://bit.ly/2zwHC96> to sign up for individual shifts now and through Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> during the sale; and please go to <http://bit.ly/2zhvUy9> to sign up for Clean-up Day on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Laux at [glaux2001@gmail.com](mailto:glaux2001@gmail.com), (804) 363-8857 (Cell) or (513) 370-3760 (Home).

**Last Chance for The Jesse Tree Gift Giving Program:** By taking one or more tags from the Jesse Tree in front of church, you can provide a gift to someone in need. (These are often the only gifts these kids and seniors receive!) When you select the tags for the gifts you would like to purchase, note that each tag has 2 parts. For each gift you will buy, pull off and write your name and phone number on the attached "phone tag." This is very important so that we know who is buying each gift. Please put the slips with your name and phone number into the decorated shoe box near the tree. Take home the larger colored gift tag with the name of the person receiving the gift. Wrap the gifts and attach the colored tag securely so it gets to the right person. (If your gift is a gift card, please wrap it up in a small box...envelopes can get lost.) **THE GIFTS ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**, at noon, so please bring them to church by then. We will sort the gifts after Mass in the chapel, and **NEED HELP** with sorting as well as with delivering the gifts on Wednesday morning, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Grace Severyn, [ajseveryn@earthlink.net](mailto:ajseveryn@earthlink.net) or 821-4163 if you can help or with any questions.

**Dancing with Stars raises \$1,981 for Nativity:** Many thanks to all the Nativity families who contributed to Rocky Merz's participation in the November 11<sup>th</sup>, **Dance with Your Heart** competition. As part of the event, each celebrity dancer was able to select a non-profit organization where his share of proceeds should be directed. *We thank you Rocky for choosing Nativity!*

**Wednesday Wonderings** will continue through Advent, meeting on December 13, 20. Please join us as we pray and reflect together on our parish Advent Booklet, *Open Your Hearts*, reflections by Pope Francis for Advent. This is a great time for new members to join and do something special for Advent.

**Nativity Play Group** is taking a winter break, planning to start again in the spring. I am searching for someone who is willing to take the lead role for the play group as my youngest child transitions into school in 2018. Main responsibilities include attending the play group and advertising in the bulletin and school newsletter. My experience running this group has been very rewarding. I have met great people and made life long connections. Contact me if you are interested in joining or leading the play group at [janetnawroth@hotmail.com](mailto:janetnawroth@hotmail.com) of 513-519-1532.

**The history of Nativity and All Saints Episcopal Church Covenant:** In honor of Nativity's Centennial, a history book is being written by Charles F. Casey-Leininger, retired Professor and Director of Public History at the University of Cincinnati. This weekend's bulletin features an insert regarding the history of the Covenant formed between Nativity Parish and Pleasant Ridge All Saints Episcopal Church.



Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> *"Visit of St. Nicholas"* at 7:00 pm in Church; Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> *"Advent Evening for Women"* at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria; Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> *"Immaculate Conception"* (Holy Day of Obligation), Masses at 8:15 am & 7:00 pm in Church; Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> *"Eucharistic Adoration"* at 7:00 pm in Church; Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, *"Bambinelli Sunday"*, 9:00 am Mass in Church; and Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is *"Advent Reconciliation"* in Church at 7:00 pm

We are in need of volunteers (Lectors, Servers & Eucharistic Ministers) for our Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sacristy.

**2018 Calendars are available in the back of church**

~ Please remember Nativity in your will ~

December 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent

