

This Week at Nativity

Sunday: -11:00 am Mass

Monday:

Tuesday: 8:15 am Mass

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: 8:15 am Mass

Saturday: 4:30 pm Mass

We highly encourage donations to Nativity be made online through WeShare:

Nativity families can continue to make donations to Nativity, 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45213 or online through WeShare, Nativity's online giving platform. On WeShare, you can also make donations to other Nativity funds including the Nativity School fund and the "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund. You can sponsor the Saturday, August 29th Nativity Golf Outing, whereby all proceeds benefit the Nativity tuition aid program. Should you need help in making online donations, you may contact WeShare at: Customer Service Phone Number: 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2); Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com; or Donor FAQ: WeShare Donor Support. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Nativity!

Mass is currently limited to 100 people due to spacing requirements for social distancing.

Everyone who attends Mass must wear a mask and follow all recommended Diocesan health and safety precautions.

**Readings for August 30, 2020***Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Romans 12: 1-2**Matthew 16: 21-27***Saturday - 4:30 Mass****Lectors: Deborah Casey & Beth Gunderson****Sunday - 11:00 Mass****Lectors: Beth Adkins & John Finn****MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: For the People
 Tuesday: Thomas Lee
 Friday: Rev. Eugene Mueller
 Saturday: Jonathan Torontali

***Please pray for the following:*****Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Deborah Casey
Kathy Chalfin	Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes
Joe Doering	Declan Donovan	Stella Evans
Barry Funk	Jackie Goetz	Jim Kaufman
Fr. Ray Kellerman	Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane
Karen Morgan	Gretchen Niswonger	Ron Rulon
Sr. Joan Schimian	Debbie Schneider	Maureen Sullivan
Carl Udry	Bob Valerius	Jan & Randy Weaver

Friends & Family

Mark Behreng	Sally Bowron	Sheila Caldwell
James Doolittle	Bob Finn	Mary Sue Loftus
Rick Holtz	John Mack	Doug Martin
Bob Mitchell	Greg Morley	David Palmer
Cathy Ramundo	Holly Rough	Rhoda Rupp
Randy Rupp Jr.	Peg Schuckman	Susan Shakelford
Mary Ellen Spaite	Mike Tebbe	Mary Williams
Craig Wrober		

Please pray for those who have died, especially Mary Stewart.

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

CHURCH OFFERINGS	August 23, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Regular Collection	7,856	40,103
School Support	200	2,095
Online Collection	14,374	35,441
Total Offerings	22,430	77,639
Budget	10,900	87,200
Over (under) Budget	11,530	(9,561)

Fall Registration Going on Now! The School of Theology offers M.A. degrees in Pastoral Ministry, Biblical Studies and Theology, and Certificates in Pastoral Ministry. Graduate and certificate courses are offered at the main campus, 6616 Beechmont Avenue in Cincinnati. For more information visit our website athenaeum.edu and call or email today to learn more. Barbara Yoder, byoder@athenaeum.edu, or 513-233-6129 or 513-231-1200.

Important School Dates: September 8th is the first day of our new school year starting at 8:00 am with a 12:00 Noon dismissal. September 9th will follow the same schedule. September 10th & 11th are full days with dismissal at 3:00 pm.

From the Pastor's Desk

I had a heaping pile of trash strapped to my back. Pack it in, pack it out. Camping with friends in the Adirondacks on pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, we had to carry our garbage a mile from the campsite to the cars. With others laden-down by cast-iron cooking equipment, I volunteered to haul a sack of empty cans and corn cobs. A former Navy man lashed the bag to my back like he was rigging a sail. That thing wasn't coming off. Halfway down the trail I started to slip behind. The guy in front of me suggested we pray the Rosary for Our Lady's help but also as a means to keep pace. As the beads slid through my fingers I fixed my eyes on the heels of the hiker before me and my ears on the steady stream of prayers. Emerging from the woods, my boots were covered with dirt, my shoulders burned from bearing the load, but my heart was lighter from being lifted up in Christian fellowship.

Through that experience I connected in some small way with this weekend's first reading, St. Paul's exhortation to the Romans: "I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:1-2). When focused on the weight of the load, I began to slip. When I focused on following the one in front of me and conforming my pace to the prayers of the Rosary, though I still had a bag of trash on my back, it was different.

This is the transformational power of the Cross. This is the ability of Christ in his paschal mystery, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the gift of faith, in the communion of the Church, to bring good out of bad situations; to cast light into the deepest darkness; to give meaning to pain and suffering; to grant hope even in the face of death. When Jesus gives his disciples the invitation to deny themselves, take up their crosses daily, and follow him, this is what he offers: a free, full, faithful, and fruitful participation in his own life. A life that is a sign of contradiction in a world obsessed with comfort. A life that transcends pain and suffering. A life that is stronger than death.

Today is the day for each of us to take up our cross and follow him. Get behind Jesus.



First Communion – Attention 3rd grade parents of Catholic

Students: Our date(s) have not yet been settled but I would like you to complete your banner if you have not yet done this. We don't want to suddenly be caught unprepared! We are very aware that we might be having issues of kids outgrowing clothes and I feel badly about that. But Fr. Eric and I will be meeting later this week to set the dates and process.

Confirmation – Catholic 8th grade parents: We are also working to get this settled as well! Please stay tuned!

Parish Outreach Project: Please don't forget that we are still trying to provide bananas, oranges/tangerines and individually wrapped desserts (L'il Debbie type) for the homeless who get meals from *Our Daily Bread*. They must be in the parish office by Thursday morning, 8:30 am.



"Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund has reached over 93% of its \$100,000 goal!

The goal of the "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund is to raise \$100,000 to improve campus security and fire detection; enhance the sound in church; update the ceiling, lighting and wall coverings in the cafeteria; and add \$10,000 to our School Education Fund. As of August 12, 155 Nativity families have contributed \$93,900 to the Annual Fund. Many thanks to those who have donated to Annual Fund, particularly during these unprecedented times. For those of you that are experiencing financial hardships of your own, we know that this is not the time to give. But for those of you who can help, please consider a donation to help us cross the finish line and reach our goal of securing \$100,000 for Nativity! Donations can be made with a check made out to Nativity Annual Fund and mailed to Nativity, 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213 or online at:

<http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund/>

FOOD FOR ALL – Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our pantries are changing to drive-thru pantries. We could use your help! Interested in serving, please email ahoak@ccswoh.org or call April Hoak, Food for All Coordinator, at (513) 672-3720.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER - Norwood

DAILY MASS: Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM & 7:15 PM in the Holy Rosary Chapel

CONFESSIONS: By appointment only - Monday, Tuesday & Friday from 2:30 to 5:00 PM. To sign up please go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084baca922a7f94-confession3>. If you need help signing up, please call (513) 351-9800.

~ Please remember Nativity in your will ~

August 30, 2020 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time