

This Week at Nativity**Sunday:** -11:00 am Mass**Monday:** 9:00 am - **Labor Day Mass @ Holy Trinity**

Nativity Parish Office will be closed.

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. 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 FQA: 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 September 6, 2020****Ezekiel 33: 7-9****Romans 13: 8-10****Matthew 18: 15-20****Saturday - 4:30 Mass****Lectors: Tom Millard & Ed Smith****Sunday - 11:00 Mass****Lectors: Patrick Jennings & Mary Ann Romanello****MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: For the People
 Tuesday: Tom Sheeran
 Friday: Kellie Meador
 Saturday: Molly Matre

Weekday Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion: A weekday celebration of a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of

Holy Communion may take place only if Mass is not celebrated in the parish on that day. The policy interprets daily Mass to mean at the parish "or pastoral region." We at Nativity have easy access to Mass at either Holy Trinity on Monday and Thursday at 7:45 am or at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center every day at 8:30 am. Therefore the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is not deemed appropriate.

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	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	Gretchen Niswonger
Ron Rulon	Debbie Schneider	Maureen Sullivan
Carl Udry	Bob Valerius	Jan & Randy Weaver

Friends & Family

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

Please pray for those who have died, especially Janice Farmer, sister of Cheryl Weisgerber.

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

CHURCH OFFERINGS

	<u>August 30, 2020</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Regular Collection	2,992	43,095
School Support	20	2,115
Online Collection	667	36,108
Total Offerings	3,679	81,318
Budget	10,900	98,100
Over (under) Budget	(7,221)	(16,782)

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.



Harper Ann Smith, daughter of Travis and Lisa Smith was baptized here at Nativity last weekend. *Congratulations to the proud parents!*

From the Pastor's Desk

There has been a lot in the news over the last few months about systemic injustice: attitudes reinforced by actions (and vice versa) that result in unfair, undeserved outcomes in the legal system, imprisonment, employment, housing, college admissions, and on and on. There is an understandable energy and anger toward such injustice, especially when people feel that everything is rigged against them. If there's no sense that any activity or effort will result in change, or growth, or advancement, then there's not much motivation to contribute to a society and work for the common good. In a similar way, people might also experience a sense of defeat and helplessness in responding to this outcry for justice. If the problem is "the system" or "society" or the structures and institutions over which each individual person has little or no control, then things very quickly devolve into discouragement or even resentment.

Catholic social teaching acknowledges these very human dynamics, referring not to systemic injustice, but social sins. Though many might not formally consider it a document of social teaching, Saint John Paul II's encyclical *Reconciliation and Penance* clearly addresses it:

"Whenever the church speaks of situations of sin or when she condemns as social sins certain situations or the collective behavior of certain social groups, big or small, or even of whole nations and blocs of nations, she knows and she proclaims that such cases of social sin are the result of the accumulation and concentration of many personal sins. It is a case of the very personal sins of those who cause or support evil or who exploit it; of those who are in a position to avoid, eliminate or at least limit certain social evils but who fail to do so out of laziness, fear or the conspiracy of silence, through secret complicity or indifference; of those who take refuge in the supposed impossibility of changing the world and also of those who sidestep the effort and sacrifice required, producing specious reasons of higher order. The real responsibility, then, lies with individuals...."

At the heart of every situation of sin are always to be found sinful people. So true is this that even when such a situation can be changed in its structural and institutional aspects by the force of law or—as unfortunately more often happens by the law of force, the change in fact proves to be incomplete, of short duration and ultimately vain and ineffective—not to say counterproductive if the people directly or indirectly responsible for that situation are not converted (*Reconciliation and Penance* #16).

The pope did not create this understanding but received it from Jesus, revealed among other places in chapter 18 of the Gospel of Matthew, our reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The structure of forgiveness is outlined,

beginning with personal reconciliation: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Sometimes in our lives and situations this is not always possible. But it remains the foundation, along with "remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:5).

Conversion of heart, forgiveness and reconciliation, a personal relationship with Jesus for love of God and neighbor; this is the mission of the Church and the task, in various ways, of every disciple of Jesus. Social structures and human institutions will develop well and flourish when rooted in this truth. The Kingdom of Heaven advances by each of our personal choices to love firstly, to do justly, and to walk humbly with God.



Sacramental Dates rescheduled: Confirmation will be celebrated in two ceremonies with Fr. Eric as the celebrant on Wednesday, September 30th (Families A-J) and Thursday, October 1st (K-W), both at 7:00 pm. **First Communion** will also be in two ceremonies: Sunday, October 4th (Families A-J) and Sunday, October 11th (Families K-Z) both at 1:30 pm. **Parents** if you did not receive an email regarding this, please make sure to contact Sister Janet at janet.schneider@nativity-cincinnati.org



Starting with the next parish bulletin all submissions must be submitted to Cindy, in writing, by Mondays at 11:00 am! Please email your requests to cindy.schlegel@nativity-cincinnati.org

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.

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.



Beginning this Monday, Labor Day – September 7th, all civil holiday Masses will be held at Holy Trinity Parish at 9:00 am. See new schedule below:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Third Monday in January).
Presidents' Day (Third Monday in February)

Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)

Independence Day (July 4)

Labor Day (First Monday in September)

Veterans Day (November 11; observed the Monday closest)

Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)

Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

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