

This Week at Nativity**Sunday:**

9:45-11:15 am – Catechesis, "POB"
 11:15-12:45 pm – Advent Wreathmaking, "Café"
 11:00-12:20 pm – Baptism Program, "POB"
 1:00-5:00 pm – Robotics, "Steam Flex"
 1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, "POB"

Monday:

5:00-7:00 pm – 2nd Grade Brownies, "Café"

Tuesday:

3:30-5:00 pm – History Club, "Room 306"
 7:00-8:30 pm – St. Ann's Meeting, "Café"

Wednesday:

7:30-8:00 am – Centering Prayer, "Chapel"
 9:15-10:30 am – Wednesday Wonderings, "Chapel"
 3:00-4:30 pm – Girl Scouts, "Art Room"
 3:00-4:00 pm – Students Helping Students, "Rm 302"
 3:30-5:00 pm – Student Government, "Room 306"
 3:30-5:00 pm – Math Counts, "Language Room"
 6:15 pm – Advent Evening for Women, "Café"

Thursday:

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, "POB"
 3:30-5:00 pm – Psychology Club, "Room 306"
 4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, "POB & POU"
 7:00 pm – Visit from St. Nicholas, "Church"

Friday:

3:00-5:00 pm – Robotics, "Steam & Tech Lab"
 6:00-8:00 pm – Robotics, "Steam & Tech Lab"

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 11: 1-10 Romans 15: 4-9
 Matthew 3: 1-12

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – 4:30 PM

Lectors: Bitsy Smyjunas, Martha Heidkamp, Tom Millard
Servers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Kulhanek, Pat Dells, John Finn
Servers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Brown, Joe Schmidt, Beth & Jackson Glass, Darlene Casey, Anthony Kulhanek, Georgia Henley, Lynn McDonald, Sue Odeh, Volunteer Needed

Sick & Shut-Ins

Bill Bach	Reid Baumgartner	Mark Beckman
Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford	Dottie Brinker
Eugene Carlson	Deborah Casey	Kathy Chalfin
Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes	Joe Doering
Barry Funk	Jackie Goetz	Krystyna Kamp
Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman	Al & Mary Lou Matre
Mary McErlane	Karen Morgan	Ron Rulon
Sr. Joan Schimian	Maureen Sullivan	Jane & Carl Udry
Barbara Valentine	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

Friends & Family

Mark Behreng	Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle
Bob Finn	Rick Holtz	Brian Lauer
John Mack	Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell
Greg Morley	David Palmer	Cathy Ramundo
Holly Rough	Mike Rumsey	Rhoda Rupp
Randy Rupp Jr.	Mary Ellen Spaitte	Peg Schuckman
David Shiveley	Mike Tebbe	Mary Williams
Craig Wrober		

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	10:00 am	Angela Casey
Monday	8:15 am	Tim Mahaney
Tuesday	8:15 am	For those living in nursing homes
Wednesday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Thursday	8:15 am	Benefactors
Friday	8:15 am	Prayer Service
Saturday	4:30 pm	Celebrant Intentions

Due to the short workweek and early deadline of the bulletin, November 24th collection totals will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Next Sunday's Outreach Collection will be going to Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies...often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious. Please be generous.



St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting coats starting now through Sunday, December 8th. A coat barrel will be placed in the back of church and on the school cafeteria stage. Please place your clean coats in either barrel so that our parish can support the St. Vincent de Paul Coat Distribution. All sizes appreciated.

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The Giving Tree is Here: It's a beautiful opportunity to spread Christmas joy and give gifts to needy children and seniors in our community. Here are the steps: **1.** Select tags from the tree for gifts you would like to give, **AND 2. IMMEDIATELY fill out the receipt with your name and phone number and put it in our box so we know who will be buying each gift.** Note that each tag has two parts. The decorated gift tag lists the gift recipient's name and Christmas wish. Beneath it, a "receipt," a smaller slip of paper, asks for YOUR name and phone number. You take the gift tag home to attach to the gift, **BUT you need to tear off and fill out the receipt right away in church** for each gift selected. For example, if you take two gift tags, fill out two receipts with your name and number and drop them in the box...so we can reach you if necessary. **3. WRAP GIFTS AND ATTACH GIFT TAGS** securely with the symbol facing up. If your gift is a GIFT CARD, please put the card in a box and wrap it, so it is less likely to get lost. **4. RETURN BY NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.** If for any reason you cannot get your gift(s) under the tree by that time, please contact Grace Severyn (821-4163) or graceseveryn@gmail.com. **WE NEED HELP to organize the gifts on Sunday, December 15th at noon AND TO DELIVER THE GIFTS on Wednesday morning, December 18th.** If you can help, please contact Grace, with the numbers above. **Thank you in advance for providing needed items and a bit of joy for our neighbors!**



**ST. NICHOLAS NIGHT AT NATIVITY:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 7:00 PM:**
Come on Thursday evening to meet one of children's favorite saints. St. Nicholas is coming to visit the children and parishioners of Nativity, and he always brings gifts! As the bishop of Myra, modern day Turkey, he was known for his generosity and zeal for the faith. Come to hear his story and learn how he lived his faith in action. Don't Miss it!

The newly released book, "A History of Nativity Parish...How a neighborhood's need gave birth to the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord and established a cornerstone for the larger community" is now available for pick-up in the Parish Office. **(One book per household please.)** The book was authored by Charles F. Fritz" Casey -Leininger, PH.D., Associate Professor Emeritus, UC Dept. of History. Parishioner Cinder Miller, PH.D., professional historian and Vice President at Gray & Pape, coordinated the history project. Parishioner Jim Molloy, professional graphic designer and Vice President Digital Development at DeanHouston, Inc., designed the book. We thank Fr. Paul for his support of the Nativity history project. We are grateful to Fritz, Cinder and Jim and the many others who helped with the history

project by researching, writing, interviewing, orally telling the history, and proof-reading articles.

"Feed the Need" The holidays are a time of family visiting, delicious meals and celebration. For many of our neighbors served by St. Vincent de Paul this is not possible or barely possible. This is where **"Feed the Need"** steps in. Grocery certificates in \$5.00 denominations can be purchased to give to St. Vincent de Paul (now through January 5th). This provides us with a perfect opportunity to feed the hungry as Jesus asked us. Additionally, the "Feed the Need" grocery certificates make a great gift for someone special, the person who has everything, or as a memorial. St. Ann's will provide a card to acknowledge your gift. Please send your contribution to fund grocery certificates to the parish or school office marked **"St. Ann's Feed the Need"** and indicate the number of \$5.00 grocery certificates you would like to fund. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Rutishauser at ekrutishauser@gmail.com.

Please Give to the Staff Christmas Gift: Nativity's PTA sponsors an annual Christmas gift to the staff members of Nativity Parish and School. PTA matches all donations up to \$10,000, then divides the gift among the 50 staff members prior to Christmas. If you would like to participate in this gift for our staff members, you can send checks payable to Nativity PTA to the school office, or contribute online at <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/give-online/> Gifts should be made by December 6th, please. Nativity's PTA is grateful for your help in showing appreciation to our wonderful staff members.

Blessing of a Child in the Womb: The Church is concerned for human persons from the moment of conception through natural death. Because of this care and concern we are offering a blessing for parents and their families who are preparing to give birth in the near future. I extend this invitation to all expectant parents and their families to come to this blessing which will take place at Nativity on December 8, 2019 during the 10:00 am Mass. If you are an expectant parent, please contact the parish office (531-3164) and let us know if you will join us for this special blessing. *With prayers for all of our children, Fr. Paul*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2019

Prelude: "Pastorale"

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus **39**

LITURGY OF THE WORD **P. 31**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Lord! Maranatha **65**

MASS SETTING

Mass of Spirit and Grace **922**

COMMUNION HYMN

The King Shall Come **45**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing of Mary **691**

Postlude: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" **Girmoaldo Macchia**

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