

This Week at Nativity**Sunday:**

Advent Tree Up, "Church"
 9:45-11:15 am – Catechesis, "POB"
 10:00 Mass, Blessing of the Womb, "Church"
 1:00-5:00 pm – Robotics, "Steam Flex"
 1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, "POB"

Monday:

6:00-7:00 pm – Tiger Cubs, "Café"
 6:15-7:30 pm – 1st Grade Girl Scouts, "Art Room"
 7:00 pm – Advent Reconciliation, "Church"

Tuesday:

3:30-5:00 pm – History Club, "Room 306"
 7:00-8:30 pm – Education Commission, "Chapel"

Wednesday:

7:30-8:00 am – Centering Prayer, "Chapel"
 9:15-10:30 am – Wednesday Wonderings, "PO"
 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"
 5:00-7:00 pm – 4th Grade Girl Scouts, "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"

Friday:

3:00-5:00 pm – 7th Grade Girl Scouts, "Art Room"

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 35: 1-6a, 10 James 5: 7-10
 Matthew 11: 2-11

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – 4:30 PM

Lectors: Martha Fuller, Eileen Lee, Linda Crawford

Servers: Ray Ravenna, Grace Albrinck, Megan Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Klonne, Dick Meirose, Bea Souder, Nathan Albrinck, Volunteers Needed

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Lectors: Tom Donelan, John Marrone, Suzanne Burgei

Servers: Colin Albers, Colin Clark, Caroline & Kathleen Jennings

Eucharistic Ministers: Bobby & Patrick Jennings, Greta Albers, Dave Hermann, Judy Parsons, Wayne & Jan Chapman, Michaela & Michaela Townsend

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 pray for those who have died, especially Christelie Dunlap, sister of Dawn Freudenberg.

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	Dan Casey, Jr.
Monday	8:15 am	Celebrant Intentions
Tuesday	8:15 am	For those living in nursing homes
Wednesday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Thursday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Friday	8:15 am	Prayer Service
Saturday	4:30 pm	Celebrant Intentions

CHURCH OFFERINGS	November 24, 2019	Fiscal YTD
Regular Collection	7,280	136,923
School Support	0	4,720
Online Collection	855	76,850
Total Offerings	8,135	218,493
Budget	10,900	228,900
Over (under) Budget	(2,765)	(10,407)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development		864.56

CHURCH OFFERINGS	December 1, 2019	Fiscal YTD
Regular Collection	6,275	143,198
Schools Support	1,135	5,855
Online Collection	632	77,482
Total Offerings	8,042	226,535
Budget	10,900	239,800
Over (under) Budget	(2,858)	(13,265)
St. Vincent de Paul	506.00	



Next Sunday's Outreach Collection will be going to Catholics United for the Poor. Catholics United for the Poor (CUP) is a coalition of Catholic organizations, with a history of direct services to the poor. Their mission is to raise awareness about the plight of the poor in the Cincinnati area.

Advent/First Reconciliation Service is this Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in church.

Final weekend for the Giving Tree: This is the final week to select tags from the **Giving Tree...**to spread Christmas joy and give gifts to needy children and seniors in our community. Here are the steps: **1. Select tags for gifts you would like to give AND IMMEDIATELY fill out the smaller tag with your name and phone number and put it in our box.** Specifically, each tag has two parts. The decorated tag describes the person's Christmas wish, and underneath it, a smaller "receipt" asks for your name and phone number. You take the decorated tag home to attach to the gift, BUT PLEASE fill out the receipt right away in church for each gift selected and put it in the box. For example, if you take two gift tags, fill out two receipts. This is important so that we can check that all gifts are turned in...so no one is left without a gift! **2. WRAP and ATTACH GIFT TAGS:** Wrap your gift(s) and attach the gift tag securely with the symbol facing up. If your gift is a GIFT CARD, please put the card in a box and wrap it. **3. RETURN ALL GIFTS IN ONE WEEK...by 11:00 am on Sunday, December 15th.** If for any reason you cannot get your gift(s) under the tree by that time, please call Grace Severyn at (821-4163).

The Nativity St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the Nativity 7th graders who volunteered to work at the school on Saturday, November 23rd to pack 5000 cans of groceries for the Thanksgiving Food Distribution. The cans were packed into grocery bags and distributed to our neighbors in need. Energy and loving kindness were in the air as the students met our neighbors face to face as they carried the Thanksgiving groceries to them. In total 52 families and 222 individuals were served. All of this was accomplished by the generosity of the families of our school children, teachers, parishioners, and the volunteers of SVDP. An extra measure of thanks to Mrs. Olivas and Mr. Shisler who helped organize the event and gave of their time that morning. *We are grateful for this opportunity to answer the call of Jesus to serve the poor.*

GOOD DEEDS FOR BABY JESUS: As we all know, Advent is a time of waiting. We are waiting for the coming of our Savior! During Advent you will see a manger in church, located up front on the left side, as

well as blank "Good Deed" papers in a basket. These good deeds represent the traditional straw found in the manger where Jesus lay. Each time you or someone in the family does a good deed, he or she completes a "Good Deed" paper, folds it and places it in the Manger at Mass, following the Universal Prayer. These good deeds are the best present we can give to Jesus for his birthday! With each good deed added to the manger, Jesus has a softer place to lay for Christmas morning.

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.



2019 Nativity Annual Fund

Make your "Moving Forward Together"

2019 Annual Fund donation before December 31st and you may be able to take it as an itemized tax deduction. Also, there are tax advantages to directly gifting appreciated stock. Individuals age 70 ½ or older may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their IRA account directly to Nativity. For information on tax deductions, tax advantages of donating appreciated stock and QCD donations, consult your accountant or financial advisor. Contact John Puljanowski at john.puljanowski@nativity-cincinnati.org for instructions on directly donating stock to Nativity. To donate to the Annual Fund on-line, go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund> or mail your check to the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generous support of making key improvements to our Nativity campus.



The following children were baptized here at Nativity recently: Lillian Anne, daughter of Louis and Jessica Roedersheimer; Wesley Wilson, son of Nathan and Virginia Gabriel; and Adele Madison and Wyatt L.C. daughter and son of John and Natasha Brodberger. *Congratulations to the proud parents!*



Please extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners:

Andy and Beth Freeze, along with their children Micah and Maura; Tyler and Mindy Robertson, along with their daughter Olivia; and Mark and Hannah Carver. *Welcome to Nativity!*

FYI: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is on Monday, December 9th is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

~Please remember Nativity in your will~

December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

