

This Week at Nativity

Sunday:

No Welcoming Sunday
 No Baptism Prep Class
 1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, “Chapel”

Monday:

Parish Office Closed
 No School – Christmas Break

Tuesday:

7:00-8:00 am – Men’s Prayer & Discussion, “Chapel”

Wednesday:

7:30-7:55 am – Centering Prayer, “Chapel”
 6:30-8:00 pm – Math Counts, “Room 201”

Thursday:

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, “Parish Basement”
 4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, “Parish Upstairs & Basement”

Friday:

6:00-9:00 pm – Holy Family Session, “Parish Basement & Old Gym”

Saturday:

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 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 7, 2017, 4:30 PM

Lectors: TBA

Servers: Abigail & Lauren Spencer, Catie Green

Eucharistic Ministers: (Need Volunteers)

Sunday, January 8, 2017, 9:00 AM

Lectors: TBA

Servers: Finnigan Barrett, Truman Immell, Jackson Glass, Rachel Farfing

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Brown, Joe Schmidt, Liz Bellew, Beth & Megan Glass, Darlene Casey, Anthony Kulhanek, Georgia Henley, (Need Volunteers)

Sunday, January 8, 2017, 11:00 AM

Lectors: TBA

Servers: Patrick, Caroline & Kathleen Jennings, Gus Kleinfeldt

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn McDonald, Sue Odeh, Bryan Badinghaus, Sophia Lawson, John Finn, (Need Volunteers)

Completing Our Projects – 2016 Annual Fund: So far, 80 families have donated \$35,225 to the “Completing Our Projects” 2016 Annual Fund. Please make your donation today to help renovate the school art room, replace desks and chairs in designated classrooms and finish installing new doors and security equipment on parish grounds. Your donation will make a difference in improving our campus! For more information and to

make a donation, go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund>. Or you can make out a check to Nativity Annual Fund, and mail it to 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45213. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Nativity.

Sick & Shut-Ins

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| Bill Bach | David Bell | Stephanie Benhase |
| Mary Jo Beresford | Dottie Brinker | Alberta Carter |
| Angela Casey | Barbara Cottrell | Diana DeRhodes |
| Joe Doering | Barry Funk | Jackie Goetz |
| Krystyna Kamp | Liam Kaufman | Lin Laing |
| Sandra Mertes | Claire Overbeck | Fran Pielage |
| Mary Piepmeier | Monica Runyan | Bill Sandman |
| Caitlyn Sanderson | Sr. Joan Schimian | Maureen Sullivan |
| Jane Udry | Barbara Valentine | Bob Valerius |
| Jan Weaver | | |

Friends & Family

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| Sheila Caldwell | Rod Griffin | Michelle Lattore |
| Amy Leigh | Paul Lereck | John Mack |
| Doug Martin | Greg Morley | Cathy Ramundo |
| Holly Rough | Suzie Rumsey | Pam Sabo |
| Peg Schuckman | Mary Ellen Spaite | |
| Mike Tebbe | Barbara Wernke | |

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

Mass Intentions

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| Sunday | 9:00 am | Mike Sullivan |
| Sunday | 11:00 am | Celebrant Intentions |
| Monday | 8:15 am | For the Shut-ins |
| Tuesday | 8:15 am | For those in the military |
| Wednesday | 8:15 am | Amelia Rai Rutishauser |
| Thursday | 8:15 am | Deceased Parishioners |
| Friday | 8:15 am | In Thanksgiving |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Nativity Benefactors |

Church Offerings

| | <u>December 18, 2016</u> | <u>Fiscal YTD</u> |
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| Regular Collection | \$8,461 | \$182,657 |
| School Support | 230 | 8,369 |
| Online Donations | 4,548 | 77,691 |
| Total Weekly Collection | 13,239 | 268,717 |
| Weekly Budget | 10,800 | 270,000 |
| Over/Under | 2,439 | (1,283) |

Offerings for December 24th & 25th will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be going to the Shelterhouse for Women (Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women) and formerly the Drop Inn Center. The Esther Marie Hatton Center helps homeless women in Cincinnati to have access to basic human needs such as shelter, food, emergency clothing items, basic toiletries, and safety.

January 1, 2017 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Upcoming Events: Holy Family: First 4 Friday evenings of January; **Parent Meeting for Confirmation:** January 30th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office basement; **Parent Meeting for First Communion:** February 6th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office basement-Parents only!

Sr. Janet will be in France from January 2-24 visiting the Sisters of the European Province. She will periodically check e-mails but any timely questions should be addressed to Cindy in the Parish Office.

We will, once again, be holding a Science and Engineering fair for our Upper School students on January 27, 2017. It is an important opportunity for our young scientists to develop important skills in the science and engineering disciplines, as they explore questions and problems that they, themselves research and test. As students gather and analyze their own data, and then come to understand what that data might mean, it is important for them to have the opportunity to explain that process. We cannot provide this experience without you! We need judges to listen to and evaluate the work that students submit. If you have a background in the sciences or engineering fields, we need you. If you would be willing to serve as a judge for some part of the day on January 27th, please email Sue Daniel at suzanne.daniel@nativity-cincinnati.org.

Thinking about New Year's resolutions? Looking to improve your life? Deepen your faith? Why not sign up for an Adult Spirituality class at the Athenaeum? Our next class starts January 16th entitled Contagiously Catholic taught by Sean Ater, the director of the Office of the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Classes are from 10:00 am to noon for four consecutive Mondays. Please visit our website: www.spiritualityinstitute.com to register.

Applications open for financial aid made possible through donations to the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign: Because strong, sustainable education programs in schools and parishes are vital for the future of the Catholic Church, 50% of the proceeds (or approximately \$65 million) of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign will be used for Catholic education in our archdiocese. Beginning December 1st, the **Catholic Education Education (CEF)** opened up the application process for families to be considered for **financial aid for the 2017-2018** school year. The CEF was founded as a result of the recent One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign. Qualifying families could receive up to \$1,000 of aid per child in the family. Financial aid applications are due **January 31st**. For information go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/school/files/2016/12CEF-Tuition-Assistance-information.pdf>.

+HOLY FAMILY: We know families are important, but how much thought, prayer and discussion do we put forth towards the topic of family? Holy Family is a 4 week immersive journey to consider these questions and help us all grow closer to our families and to Christ. During the Fridays of January you are invited to join other Nativity families to intentionally sit down and consider how you do family life. **WHEN:** Fridays of January (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) from 6:00-8:15 pm, in the parish office basement. Pizza dinner at 6:00 pm, childcare from 6:30-8:15 pm and adult sessions from 6:45-8:15 pm. Please RSVP to Paul Zlatic at paulzlatic@gmail.com for planning purposes. Please include the ages of the children you will need childcare for in the email.

Calling all guys and dolls! Nativity Players needs YOU for our Spring 2017 production of *Guys and Dolls*. Auditions will be held Sunday, January 15th from 1-5 pm and Tuesday, January 17th from 7-9 pm, in the cafeteria of the school. We are looking for males and females aged 15 and up. The show may be double-cast. You will be asked to: perform a reading from the show (available at nativityplayers.org) OR perform a short monologue of your choice; sing a song of your choice, preferably from a musical...an accompanist will be provided (bring piano sheet music please.) You may also bring an accompaniment CD; or learn and perform a short dance routine. Please bring a head shot and resume, if you have them. Show performances will be April 28, 29, 30 and May 4, 5, 6. This is the Nativity Players' FINAL show, so we want to make it the best ever and go out with a bang! We would like to extend a special invitation to our "regulars" from past shows. It would be great if as many of you as possible could come out for our swan song! Director: Patti Newberry; Asst. Director: Colin Cronin; Producer: Kevin Clarisey; and Musical Director: Joe Beiting. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Clarisey at kclarisey@fuse.net.

Walking the Camino de Santiago is the next adventure for the supporters of the Nativity School Student Exchange. The goal is to raise funds to provide grants to students so that they may travel abroad representing Nativity in our partner schools. You can support Team Nativity and the student exchange program with a donation of \$100 for 100km in honor of Nativity's 100 years. Please send your donation to the Nativity School Office.

Hospitals no longer contact churches when a member is admitted, so we rely on loved ones or friends to notify the church. We encourage you to seek the help of the Nativity Pastoral Staff during a time of need by contacting us as soon as possible! You may contact Fr. Paul or Sister Janet at 531-3164.

Next Sunday, January 8th is The Epiphany of the Lord and the three Wisemen will be paying a visit at each Mass.



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