

## This Week at Nativity

**Sunday:**

No Welcoming Sunday due to Variety Show  
 8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"  
 10:00 am – Jr. High Religious Education, "Chapel"  
 1:30 pm – Variety Show, "Café"  
 2:00-7:00 pm – Players, "Parish Office Basement"  
 1:30-3:30 pm – Al-Anon, "Parish Office Lunchroom"

**Monday:**

7:00 pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, "Chapel"  
 7:00-pm – Faith Sharing Group, "Parish Office Basement"

**Tuesday:**

7:00 am – Men's Prayer & Discussion Groups, "Chapel"  
 6:00-9:30 pm – Players, "Café & Music Room"  
 7:00 pm – Education Commission, "Chapel"

**Wednesday: Ash Wednesday**

7:30-7:55 am – Centering Prayer, "Chapel"  
 8:15 am – Ash Wednesday Mass, "Church"  
 9:30 & 10:30 am- Music Together, "Parish Office Upstairs"  
 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Mass, "Church"

**Thursday:**

9:30 & 10:30 am – Music Together, "Parish Office Upstairs"  
 9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"  
 4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, "Parish Office Upstairs"

**Friday:**

5:30-7:30 pm – Fish Fry, "Café"

**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 6: 1-2a, 3-8  
 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
 Luke 5: 1-11

**Saturday, February 13, 2016 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** Greg Laux, Volunteer Needed, Greg Laux  
**Servers:** Margaret Allaire, Hunter Evans, Emma Ganz  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Emma & Moira Garry, Anna & Kevin Shaw, Wiley Gunderson, Jordan Lamb, Volunteers Needed

**Sunday, February 14, 2016 9:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Brendan Cronin, Suzanne Burgei, Sr. Carren  
**Servers:** Lauren Brunswick, Jackson Glass, Will Gossard, Truman Immell  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jan Brown, Joe Schmidt, Liz Bellew, Beth & Megan Glass, Darlene Casey, Anthony Kulhanek, Georgia Henley, Volunteers Needed

**Sunday, February 14, 2016 11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Carol Gessing, Pat Dells, Carol Gessing  
**Servers:** Jasmine Bedgood, Kendle & Bradley Coffey, Zachary End  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn McDonald, Carol Gessing, Sue Odeh, Bryan Badinghaus, Sophia Lawson, John Finn, Volunteers Needed

**Readings for Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2: 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:2; and Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Chuck Andrew	Bill Bach	Stephanie Benhase
Dottie Brinker	Alberta Carter	Barbara Cottrell
Diana DeRhodes	Joe Doering	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Bob Hatfield	Liam Kaufman
Anthony Le	Molly Mate	Alexander Nemeth
Claire Overbeck	Fran Pielage	Mary Piepmeier
John Schomaker	Barbara Valentine	

**Friends & Family**

Michelle Latorre	Paul Lereck	John Mack
Doug Martin	Annette Mason	Cathy Ramundo
Holly Rough	Pam Sabo	Peg Schuckman
Mary Ellen Spaite		

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

**January 31, 2016**

Offerings	\$11,541.00
Budget	\$10,800.00
Over (under) Budget	\$741.00
Year to Date Actual	\$366,127.00
Year to Date Budget	\$349,800.00
Over (under) Budget	\$16,327.00
St. Vincent de Paul	919.81

You can give online to Nativity by going to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving>

Please remember Nativity in your will

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday	9:00 am	Gertrude Tyirin
Sunday	11:00 am	Fr. Stan Neiheisel
Monday	8:15 am	For those in a Nursing Home
Tuesday	8:15 am	Pete Haskamp
Wednesday	(Ash Wednesday)	
	8:15 am & 7:00 pm	
Thursday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Friday	8:15 am	Gertrude Tyirin
Saturday	4:30 pm	Benefactors

**Ash Wednesday**, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region.

## February 7, 2016 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Next Sunday's Outreach Collection** will be going to our St. Vincent de Paul Society: The conference of Nativity would like to thank all of you who give so generously to our Society in order to help the poor. Your support allows us to visit people in our community who are unemployed, hungry and wondering how they are going to pay their rent or utilities. We assist the poor with financial aid, food vouchers, clothing and furniture vouchers. Last year we were able to help provide 100 beds to those in need. But, we couldn't do it without your contributions and the love of Jesus Christ. Thank You! If you think you would like to know more about St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Chris Ritter at (513) 477-1162.

**Lenten Reminders...Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Join our parish community...and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States...in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the back of church, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.



**Looking for a spark this Lent?** Join us for DYNAMITE to hopefully provide a spark, blow up some possible notions of the Catholic faith and clear space to discuss and share your faith with others. Questions covered will include topics like: Why are we here? What is truth? What should I do? Why Jesus? **When: Monday Evenings, February 8, 15, 29; March 7, 14, 21, from 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Parish Office Basement. RSVP: [EdCommission@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:EdCommission@nativity-cincinnati.org).**

**Nativity needs only \$35,305 more in total to reach its goal of raising \$725,000 to the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign:** To date, Nativity has received \$689,695 in pledges from 202 families and is at 95% of its goal of raising \$725,000 in pledges. In addition, a generous parishioner will match each new pledge with a \$100 donation. If you have not yet made a commitment, please make your pledge this week. To have a commitment card and a brochure outlining the goals of the campaign e-mailed to you or for more information, contact Julie Abraham at [julie.abraham@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:julie.abraham@nativity-cincinnati.org).

**Year of Mercy:** In February we'll look at "Feeding the Hungry." What are you doing to give to those in need?

**Save the Dates for the Parish Mission:** Nativity will once again host a Parish Mission during Lent on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our guest speaker this year is Eileen Burke-Sullivan, a professor of Theology at Creighton University. She comes to us highly recommended for her thought-provoking presentations and ability to interact with participants. The Mission will kick-off with a Family Parish Potluck Dinner on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:00 pm with the presentation ending at 8:00 pm. Presentations on Monday and Tuesday evenings will begin at 6:30 pm and end by 8:00 pm. We plan to have babysitting and transportation available for parishioners. More detailed information forthcoming!

**Save the date:** Plan now to attend "With Love from The Nativity Players," Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 pm, in the Nativity cafeteria. "With Love" will be a special evening of performances of love songs, performed by Nativity parishioners and friends of Nativity. This cabaret-style event will feature an evening of song, merriment and community. To purchase tickets or if you would like additional information, please contact Patti Newberry at (513) 702-4065 or [newberpg@miamioh.edu](mailto:newberpg@miamioh.edu) on or before March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**It's not too late!** Children are still needed for Nativity Players' Spring production of "Children of Eden." Children will perform with the ensemble in 2 songs and will be the animals in Eden and on Noah's Ark. Children generally rehearse on Sundays between 1-5pm. Show dates are the second and third weekends in May. If interested, please contact the Nativity Players at [thenativityplayers@gmail.com](mailto:thenativityplayers@gmail.com). Children age 6 and up are welcome.



The following children were baptized at Nativity last weekend: Allison Marie, daughter of Anthony & Julie Kulhanek; and Samuel Emerson, son of Justin & Megan Uihlein. *Congratulations to the proud parents!*

**The next Eucharistic Holy Hour** will be held on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in church. In the midst of very busy, over-scheduled and noisy lives, the prayerfulness and quiet before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is sure grounding in the spiritual life.

**You and your family and friends** are invited to Nativity School's Old Gym on **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, when Nativity hosts an all-new "ANTIGONE," brought to us by CINCINNATI PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK & District A. Find more information on the flyer in today's bulletin. **BONUS:** Our special hosts will be students of Nativity and faculty member John Laney, who have read and studied Sophocles' ANTIGONE. They'll greet you when the doors open at 6:30 pm and help make the conversations with actors and audience an evening not to be missed!

**Search for Music Minister** – The following people have agreed to serve on the Search Committee for a new music minister: Curt Brunswick, Diana DeRhodes, Mary Jo Horton, Julie Klug, Anthony Kulhanek & Linn Sinnott. To date, we have received 4 resumes; one withdrew and one has been eliminated, leaving us with 2 to interview. We hope to identify someone sooner rather than later. Please keep our search in your prayers.

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