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communities in need of food and clothing. Please keep this organization in your prayers.

2016 ANNUAL FUND...WE NEED YOUR HELP IN "COMPLETING OUR PROJECTS!" The Good News...to date, 140 families have donated \$61,845 to our 2016 Annual Fund and we are at 61% of our goal of raising \$100,000. The Bad News...over that same time period during our last Annual Fund, 199 families had donated \$101,000 to the Annual Fund, surpassing our goal of raising \$100,000. If you have not already contributed, please give soon so we will know how much funding is available to complete our projects over the summer months. Your donation will help renovate the school art room, replace desks and chairs in designated classrooms, and finish installing new doors and security equipment on parish grounds. For more information and to make a donation, go to <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund>. Or you may make out a check to Nativity Annual Fund, and mail it to 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213. *Thank you for your continued support of Nativity!*

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SLATED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD

Mark your calendars to attend the Centennial Celebration to be held at Nativity on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 6:30 pm. This \$40/person ADULT-ONLY night celebrating 100 years of Nativity includes samples from Men's Club HomeBrew contest, catered food stations with Open Bar in St. Sebastian Hall, and live music by "Meeting Mars" in the Courtyard. More information to come...



We are looking for a chair person to take over the basket raffle booth at the Nativity Fall Fest. The new chairperson would work with Doug and Patti Newberry this year and take over next year. This is a fun booth that coordinates donations with both the school and the Parish. For more information, please contact Patti at: newberpg@miamioh.edu or call her at 513-702-4065.

Men's Club Meeting - Thursday, April 6th

Join us for our monthly meeting in the Nativity Cafeteria. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We're planning our upcoming Reds trip, a June volunteer activity for the Centennial, and the June Centennial Celebration HomeBrew competition. We'll also catch up on Nativity news and enjoy fellowship with our Nativity friends. Bring a friend. We'll see you there!

NATIVITY PLAYERS PRESENTS: GUYS & DOLLS

The Nativity Players will be presenting "Guys and Dolls" the last weekend of April and first weekend of May.

churches serving Golf Manor, Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge and Silverton. Their goal is to provide services to members of these

For information on specific show dates/times and tickets, go to their Facebook page, "Guys and Dolls, presented by Nativity Players!" or visit their website: www.nativityplayers.org. This is your **LAST CHANCE** to see a production of the Players, so do yourself a favor and check out this great show! You won't be disappointed. Their goal is a packed house for each performance!



Nativity will host its annual **Parish Mission** during Lent starting today, Sunday, April 2nd through Tuesday, April 4th. Our guest speaker is Jack Jezreel, a nationally-known presenter on social action and founder of the JustFaith program. The Mission will kick-off with a Family Parish Potluck Dinner today, April 2nd beginning at 5:00 pm with presentation ending at 8:00 pm. Presentations on Monday and Tuesday evenings will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Complimentary babysitting will be available on-site all three nights.



CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers daily opportunities for your family to engage in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Rice Bowls are located in the back of church.



Sign Up sheets for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers will be in the Sacristy for the upcoming Holy Week.



Way of the Cross: Every Sunday at 12:30 pm join us for this simple yet profound prayer accompanying Jesus on his final steps to Calvary.

Men of the Archdiocese: Have you ever wondered if you might be called to be a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Wonder what a deacon does and what it takes to become a deacon? If so, please attend an information meeting, along with your wife on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Parish, 5222 North Bend Road. For more information and to register, please contact Deacon Mark Machuga at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2641 or deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: 55 households in our parish have pledged \$12,160 to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our parish goal is \$25,451. If you have not yet made a pledge, please take an envelope from the back of church or visit CatholicAppeal.info to make your pledge. Your support helps to provide a path of hope to thousands of people in our area. *Thank you!*

The parish music ministry is always open to new members. We have rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the church and sing at either the 9:00 am or 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. For more ways to get involved with music ministry please contact Matt Spencer at matt.spencer@nativity-cincinnati.org or call the parish office at 513-3164.

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~Please remember Nativity in your will~