

**This Week at Nativity****Sunday:**

8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"  
 12:00-1:30 pm – Advent Family Gathering, "Café"  
 1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, "Chapel"

**Monday:**

9:30-10:30 am – Play Group, "Parish Office Upstairs"  
 7:00 pm – St. Vincent de Paul, "Chapel"

**Tuesday:**

7:00-8:00 am – Men's Prayers & Discussion, "Chapel"  
 7:00 pm – Development Commission, "Chapel"

**Wednesday:**

7:30-7:55 am – Centering Prayer, "Chapel"  
 9:15-10:15 am – Wondering Book Group, "Chapel"  
 3:00-4:30 pm – Brownie Troop Meeting, "Library"  
 5:00-6:00 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Daisy Troop, "Art Room"  
 6:00 pm – Advent Evening for Women, "Café"

**Thursday:**

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"  
 4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, "Parish Office Upstairs"  
 7:00 pm – Choir, "Church"

**Friday:**

3:00-8:00 pm – HollyDay Bazaar Set-up, "Café, Old Gym & Art Room"

**Saturday:**

9:00-12:30 pm – HollyDay Breakfast w/Santa & Bazaar, "Café, Old Gym & Art Room"

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 3, 2016, 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** Eileen Lee, Linda Crawford, Linda Crawford

**Servers:** Kyle & Kent Guyer, Isabella Devanney

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bitsy & Samantha Smyjunas, Ryan Reese, Rita Timoney, Helen Vollman, (Volunteers Needed)

**Sunday, December 4, 2016, 9:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Mary Gene Kling, Doug Davis, Beth Adkins

**Servers:** Greta Albers, Griffin Miller, Finnigan Barrett, Ella Nawroth

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Beckman, Bill Sandman, Sister Janet, Sarah Law, Dave Morris, Henry Faulk, (Volunteers Needed)

**Sunday, December 4, 2016, 11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Sarah Peters, Martha Fuller, Mary Lennard

**Servers:** Charlie & Andy Peters, Claire Reasoner, Ray Ravenna

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shawn Hostiuck, LeAnn Cummins, Pat Dells, Lisa Harper, Renee Bock, (Volunteers Needed)

**Next Weekend's Second Collection:** Will be going to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Who are they? Just regular parishioners growing in spirituality by answering Jesus's call to serve our neighbors in need. They foster HOPE by providing spiritual, emotional and financial assistance on a person-to-person basis in confidentiality. In the months of July through September they have given \$3023 in food vouchers, \$1751 rents to prevent evictions and homelessness and \$2733 for utilities to prevent cut-offs. This is all made possible through the generous members of Nativity of Our Lord Parish. Many of our neighbors are thankful for your generosity and prayers.

**Sick & Shut-Ins**

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	Pat Rulon	Caitlyn Sanderson
Sr. Joan Schimian	Maureen Sullivan	Jane Udry
Barbara Valentine	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

**Friends & Family**

Sheila Caldwell	Ruth DeRhodes	Rod Griffin
Bob Jennings Sr.	Michelle Lattore	Amy Leigh
Paul Lereck	John Mack	Doug Martin
Greg Morley	Cathy Ramundo	Holly Rough
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**

Sunday	9:00 am	Jay Beridon
Sunday	11:00 am	John Schomaker
Monday	8:15 am	For those living in nursing homes
Tuesday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Wednesday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Thursday	8:15 am	Benefactors
Friday	8:15 am	Celebrant Intentions
Saturday	4:30 pm	Dorothy Kriemer

**Church Offerings: Due to the early deadline for the bulletin, offering totals for November 20<sup>th</sup> will be in next week's bulletin.**



**Advent Evening for Women:** Mark your calendars for our special Advent Evening, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, in the cafeteria! After a welcoming time with wine and cheese, Holly End will elaborate on our theme: "The Gift You Have Received, Give as a Gift." A delicious catered meal and lots of good conversation will make the evening complete. Gather a group of your friends from the parish to make it even more fun! *Sponsored by St. Ann Society.*



**St. Ann's "Feed the Need" Program:** Join us in St. Ann's efforts to "Feed the Need" during Thanksgiving and Christmas by purchasing/funding any amount of \$5 grocery certificates which will be provided to The Caring Place (through Thanksgiving) and to St. Vincent de Paul (after Thanksgiving through January 3<sup>rd</sup>) to distribute to their growing number of clients. This is a perfect holiday opportunity to feed the hungry, just as Jesus asked us to do. Buy "Feed the Need" grocery certificates in honor or in memory of someone special (a neighbor, friend, grandparent or other family members.) We will provide a nicely-designed acknowledgement card for you to present. Please send your contribution to fund grocery certificates to the parish or school offices.

## November 27, 2016 – First Sunday in Advent



**Wednesday Wanderings:** (A new spiritual book group): Join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:15 am as we read and share reflections on the spiritual life. We will begin by reading Sr. Joan Chittester's book, Between the Dark and the Daylight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life. This book is an easy read which "explores the concerns of modern life, of the overworked mind and hurting heart." It is available on Amazon. The group will meet, starting this Wednesday for the 4 Wednesdays of Advent: Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Office Chapel.



**Jesse Tree:** 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 for gifts you would like to give **and immediately write your name and phone number on the smaller tag and put it in the box** so we know who is getting each gift. Specifically, each tag has two parts. There is a decorated gift tag to record your name and phone number. You take the gift tag, which lists a person's name and their Christmas wish, and underneath it, a smaller "phone" tag to record your name and phone number. You take the gift tag home, BUT you need to fill out the smaller tag right away in church for each gift selected and put it in the box. This is important so that we can check that all gifts are turned in...so no one is left without a gift. Note: Star shaped tags for Birthright do not have phone tags...because they do not go to specific individuals. 2) **Wrap and Attach Gift Tags:** Wrap your gift(s) and attach the gift tag securely with the name facing up. If your gift is a GIFT CARD, please put the card in a box and wrap it so it does not get lost. Note: Items to Birthright do not need to be wrapped. 3) **RETURN ALL GIFTS BY NOON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>.** Bring your gift(s) to church by noon on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. If for any reason you cannot get your gift(s) under the tree by that time, please call Grace Severyn at (821-4163) WE NEED HELP SORTING the gifts on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at noon AND DELIVERING THE GIFTS on Wednesday morning, December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please email Grace at [ajseveryn@earthlink.net](mailto:ajseveryn@earthlink.net) or call the number above. *Thank you for providing needed items and a bit of joy for our neighbors!*

**PTA SPONSORS STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Nativity's families have been very supportive of a Christmas Gift over the past several years. Instead of children/families giving teachers and staff members individual gifts, families contribute whatever amount they choose to a general gift fund. PTA then matches the amount collected and the money is divided among the staff. This means less stress for parents and a *much-appreciated* monetary gift for all the Nativity staff members. PTA will coordinate this project again this year and match the money collected **doubling your gift**. If you would like to participate, please send your gift (cash or check) payable to Nativity PTA to the school by **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Contributions online, please follow this link: <https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/>



**Reconciliation** for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and the parish will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in church. There will be several priests available.



**Christmas Tree Sale - has now begun:** We need volunteers to help sell trees, especially on the weekends, our busiest time. This is a fantastic way to get in the Christmas Spirit, meet new folks, and help Nativity! Get a group of your friends and work some shifts as a team. It's a ton of fun! Consider taking the lead of a specific day/shift for the duration of the sale. Compete with other shifts for bragging rights on the most trees sold. All proceeds go to the Nativity General Fund. Please make 2016 another great year...it takes over 500 man hours to make this sale a success. **Cleanup Day - Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** This is also a great opportunity for students to satisfy their High School service hours requirement, and a wonderful opportunity to help your church and meet some new parishioners! **To Volunteer:** We are using Sign Up Genius...please go to <http://bit.ly/2f70ArV> to sign up for the Unload Day; please go to <http://bit.ly/2dTy8gI> to sign up for individual shifts; and please go to <http://bit.ly/2ep9fG3> to sign up for Cleanup Day. If you have any questions, please contact **Greg Laux** by email at [glaux2001@gmail.com](mailto:glaux2001@gmail.com) or by phone at (804) 363-8857 (Mobile) or (513) 370-3760 (Home.) **The Christmas Tree sale hours are Monday-Friday, 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from noon until 8:00 pm.** We can always use firewood to keep the spirit warm! *Thank you in advance for your help!*



**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 4<sup>th</sup> during the 9:00 Mass**. If you are an expectant parent, please contact the parish office (531-3164) and let us know if you will be joining us for this special blessing.



On **December 4<sup>th</sup>** we invite you to attend the 11:00 Mass for a special blessing for our children who are playing winter sports.

### SAINT NICOLAS



Come on **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm to Church, to meet one of children's favorite saints: St. Nicholas is coming to visit the children of Nativity. Come to hear his story and learn how he lived his faith in action and... he always brings gifts! You don't want to miss this!



**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Holy Day of Obligation) will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am and 7:00 pm in church.



This year we will celebrate "**Bambinelli Sunday**" at our 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to bring the Christ-child figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed.

~Remember to keep Nativity on your Christmas Gift List~