

## This Week at Nativity

**Sunday:**

8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, “Parish Office Basement”

1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, “Parish Office Basement”

**Monday:**

No School – Christmas Break

9:30-10:30 am – Play Group, “Parish Office Upstairs”

**Tuesday:**

No School – Christmas Break

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

**Wednesday:**

No School – Christmas Break

7:30-7:55 am – Centering Prayer, “Chapel”

9:15-10:15 am – Wondering Book Group, “Chapel”

**Thursday:**

No School – Christmas Break

7:00 pm – Choir, “Church”

**Friday:**

No School – Christmas Break

**Saturday:**

4:30 pm – Christmas Eve Mass “Church”

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:****Christmas Eve:** Isaiah 62: 1-5 Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1: 1-25 **Christmas Day:** Isaiah 52:

7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18

**Saturday, December 24, 2016, 4:30 PM****Lectors:** Beth Adkins, Patti Newberry, Mary Gene Kling**Servers:** Hunter Evans, TJ Kaufman, Marlee Rush, Patrick Jennings**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sr. Janet, Mary Ann Klonne, Bobby Jennings, Lisa Jennings, Nick & Nathan Albrinck, (Volunteers Needed)**Sunday, December 25, 2016, 12:00 AM****Lectors:** Ed Smith, Eileen Lee**Servers:** Volunteers Needed**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Lee, Sr. Janet, Angela Davis, Rita Timoney, Judy Parsons, (Volunteers Needed)**Sunday, December 25, 2016, 9:00 AM****Lectors:** Volunteers Needed**Servers:** John, George & Isabelle Fisher**Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteers Needed**Sunday, December 25, 2016, 11:00 AM****Lectors:** Sarah Peters, Volunteers Needed**Servers:** Volunteers Needed**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn McDonald (Volunteers Needed)**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach

Mary Jo Beresford

Angela Casey

Joe Doering

Krystyna Kamp

Sandra Mertes

Mary Piepmeier

Sr. Joan Schimian

Barbara Valentine

Jan Weaver

David Bell

Dottie Brinker

Barbara Cottrell

Barry Funk

Liam Kaufman

Claire Overbeck

Bill Sandman

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Stephanie Benhase

Alberta Carter

Diana DeRhodes

Jackie Goetz

Lin Laing

Fran Pielage

Caitlyn Sanderson

Jane Udry

Monica Wagner

**Friends & Family**

Sheila Caldwell

Michelle Lattore

John Mack

Cathy Ramundo

Pam Sabo

Mike Tebbe

Rod Griffin

Amy Leigh

Doug Martin

Holly Rough

Peg Schuckman

Barbara Wernke

Bob Jennings Sr.

Paul Lereck

Greg Morley

Suzie Rumsey

Mary Ellen Spaite

**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	Richard Baumgartner
Sunday	11:00 am	John Schomaker
Monday	8:15 am	Robert Lee
Tuesday	8:15 am	Hicks Family
Wednesday	8:15 am	For the lonely
Thursday	8:15 am	Carol Jean Lee
Friday	8:15 am	Marie Donovan
Saturday	4:30 pm	Paul Bauke

**Church Offerings**

	<u>December 11, 2016</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Regular Collection	\$16,839	\$73,596
School Support	590	8,139
Online Donations	7,531	73,143
Total Weekly Collection	24,960	254,878
Weekly Budget	10,800	259,200
Weekly Over/Under	14,160	(4,322)
Retirement for Religious	1,455.43	

**Next Sunday'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. Any parishioner is invited to attend our regular meetings at 7:00 pm in the chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month. The first part of the meeting begins with prayer and spiritual enrichment, then a general meeting on our ministry.

## December 18, 2016 – Fourth Sunday in Advent



**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.

**Register now for *Dave Ramsey's* Financial Peace University:** January 2017...it's a new year. NOW is the time to take control of your finances! Nativity families are invited to register for *Dave Ramsey's* Financial Peace University. This 9-week course shows you how to get rid of debts, manage money, spend and save wisely and more. See insert for more information or go to [www.nativity-cincinnati.org](http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org).

**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 27<sup>th</sup>, please email Sue Daniel at [suzanne.daniel@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, the **Catholic Education Foundation (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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm and Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:kclarisey@fuse.net).

**Mass in Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God** will be held on January 1, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, at 11:00 am, celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Mass will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Pope Francis has announced that the theme for the World Day of Peace is “**Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace.**”

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