

This Week at Nativity

Sunday:

10:00 am – Jr. High Religious Education, “Chapel”
 1:30-3:30 pm – Al-Anon, “Parish Office Basement”

Monday:

School Closed
 Cafeteria Closed

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday: Christmas Eve

Parish & School Offices Closed
 4:30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass, “Church”
 11:20 pm – Lessons in Carols, “Church”
 Midnight Mass, “Church”

Friday: Christmas Day

Parish & School Offices Closed
 11:00 am – Christmas Day Mass, “Church”

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

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
 Colossians 3: 12-21
 Luke 2: 41-42

Saturday, December 26, 2015 4:30 PM

Lectors: Linda Crawford, Bob Herring, Linda Crawford
Servers: Catie Green, Daniel Gunderson, Collin Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Lamb, Courtney Lamb, Emma & Moira Garry, Arden Miller, Divya Kumar, (Volunteers Needed)

Sunday, December 27, 2015 9:00 AM

Lectors: Tony Daniel, Kay Wagner, Mary Ann Romanello
Servers: Olivia Wilke, Jack & Haley Renneker, Ruth Debono
Eucharistic Ministers: Lucy Lorbach, Darlene Casey, Liz Bellew, (Volunteers Needed)

Sunday, December 27, 2015 11:00 AM

Lectors: Tom Donelan, Deborah Casey, (Volunteer Needed)
Servers: Caitlin & Abby Kirwan, Mesgana Mekibib, Colleen Lake
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Odeh, Mary Lennard, Pat Dells, Carol Gessing, (Volunteers Needed)

Special thanks to the children who helped to make the star cookies for Bambinelli Sunday!

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers and please pray for those who have died, especially Cynthia Fix.

Sick & Shut-Ins

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

Friends & Family

Gene Abner	Kathy Kelly	Matthew Kenney
Michelle Latorre	Paul Lereck	John Mack
Annette Mason	Doug Martin	Cathy Ramundo
Holly Rough	Peg Schuckman	Mary Ellen Spait

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

December 13, 2015

Offerings	\$20,203.00
Budget	\$10,800.00
Over (under) Budget	9,403.00
Year to Date Actual	\$263,039.00
Year to Date Budget	\$259,200.00
Over (under) Budget	3,839.00
Retirement for Religious	\$2,258.98

Thank You

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	For the People
Sunday	11:00 am	For the People
Monday	8:15 am	Cynthia Fix
Tuesday	8:15 am	Shut-Ins
Wednesday	8:15 am	Marie Donovan
Thursday	4:30 pm	Paul Bauke
Midnight Mass	12:00 am	Celebrant Intentions
Friday	11:00 am	Paul Bauke
Saturday	4:30pm	Nativity Alumni & Families

Next Sunday's Outreach will be going to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. SVDP fosters HOPE by providing spiritual, emotional and financial assistance on a person-to-person basis in confidentiality to the unemployed, disabled, poor, lonely, and forgotten in our community. Please keep this organization in your prayers.

December 20, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



As 2015 comes to an end we would like to invite you to end the year on New Year's Eve with a time of communal and private prayer in the Chapel of the Parish Office. We would gather at 11:00 pm and pray together, ending after midnight with a brief time of refreshment. Before doing specific planning we would like to see if there is enough interest to proceed with this plan. Would you please email janet.schneider@nativity-cincinnati.org if you think you would like to join us to prayerfully welcome in the New Year, asking God for peace in the New Year?

The Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis began on December 8th. Here at Nativity we will have an insert in the bulletin each month emphasizing one or two of the corporal works of mercy, showing what IS happening here at Nativity and also giving personal challenges for what can be done in our own personal lives or communally. The month of December will not have a specific focus since the Advent/Christmas Season already provides many opportunities to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

So far, 88 Nativity families have made a pledge to the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign. Please make your pledge before Christmas! To date, Nativity has received \$510,015 in pledges from 88 families and is at 70% of its goal of raising \$725,000. This means that only 13% of Nativity households have made a pledge to the campaign. Imagine where Nativity would be with 20-25% participation. Recently, Archbishop Schnurr announced that One Faith, One Hope, One Love had met its minimum Archdiocesan goal of \$130 million. "Be assured of my profound thanks for your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of this historic effort to help build the Church for generations to come, said Schnurr." To those still prayerfully considering a pledge, I emphasize that the goal we've attained is only a minimum, and that our critical ministries will continue to benefit from all further help you can provide. Nativity is in Block III and only 24% of the 85 parishes in Block III of the campaign have met their individual parish goals. Money raised through the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign will support the following: 50% will support Catholic education, 12% will go towards fostering vocations, 10% will support retired archdiocesan priests, 8% will go to Catholic charities and 20% will come back to Nativity to fund parish projects. If all parishioners who have pledged pay 100% of their pledge, Nativity will receive \$95,490! When making a pledge, you may designate which ministry you wish to support. If you choose to include a check, please make it out to the Catholic Community Foundation. If you have any questions, you may contact Fr. Paul or Julie Abraham in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for supporting One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign and Nativity!

Sweet Ministry Opportunity: Hundreds of our neighbors count on bread being at the Caring Place in Kennedy Heights every Tuesday morning. Fortunately, Busken Bakery makes this bread and other pastries available for free! All we have to do is go get it. It's a lot of fun work for a couple of hours. For the past 20 years this "small ministry has been done with great love" by Jim Bellew and Ron Pflieger. They are unable to continue this meaningful ministry. So, we **need you for just a couple of hours on Monday mornings.** Fortunately, Mike McNamara 520-4722 or mike@planehelp.net and Chris Ritter 477-1162 have committed to coordinating this effort. However, they can't do it every Monday, and we guess that you might not be able to do every Monday morning either. So, we are asking you to pray to see if you are being called to do something small and sweet with love. Typical schedule: 7:00 am meet at Busken's (Edwards Road back dock at Madison Road) to fill bags with bread, etc.; 9:00 am after a coffee, pastry & fellowship, deliver loaded bags to the Caring Place; we are generally done by 10:00-11:00 am. It's a loving way to begin the week. If you can answer the call of providing bread to our neighbors in need, we need you for 1, 2, 3, or even 4 Monday mornings every month. Please call us! Or, if you have questions, don't hesitate to call. We would love to have you join us.

A group of retired Catholic school principals and teachers are exploring the possibility of providing a framework for retired employees to continue their connection to one another and to contribute to the mission of Catholic education. We will kick off the Retired Catholic School Employees Association (RCSEA) with Mass on Sunday, January 10th at Fr. Francis de Sales Church in Cincinnati, next to Purcell Marian High School. All retired Catholic school employees are invited: teachers, administrators, office staff, custodians, cafeteria workers, instructional aides, full or part time. After Mass, there will be a brief meeting of those interested. Our email is retcathschempassoc@gmail.com.

We are still in need of Lectors for all of the Christmas Masses, Servers for the Midnight Mass and Eucharistic Ministers for all of the Masses. Sign-up sheets for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers are in the Sacristy. To sign-up to serve Midnight Mass, please call Cindy in the Parish Office.

FYI: The Parish Office will be closed December 24th through New Year's Day. We will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016.



The Parish Office Staff wishes everyone a safe and blessed Christmas!

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