

## This Week at Nativity

**Sunday:**

9:00 am – Christmas Mass, “Church”  
 11:00 am – Christmas Mass, “Church”  
 1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, “Chapel”

**Monday:**

Parish Office Closed  
 No School – Christmas Break

**Tuesday:**

No School – Christmas Break

**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

**Friday:**

No School – Christmas Break

**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>

Numbers 6: 22-27 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21

**Saturday, December 31, 2016, 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** TBA

**Servers:** Margaret & Ellie Allaire, Emma Ganz

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

**Sunday, January 1, 2017, 9:00 AM**

**Lectors:** TBA

**Servers:** Nicholas Simpson, Louie Van Rens, Rosella Knapke, Ivan Wendel

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

**Sunday, January 1, 2017, 11:00 AM**

**Lectors:** TBA

**Servers:** Sydney & Sophia Hunt, AJ & TJ Bock

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shawn Hostiuck, Le Ann Cummins, Pat Dells, Mary Lennard, Lisa Harper, (Volunteers Needed)

**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.

**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	Bill Sandman	Caitlyn Sanderson
Sr. Joan Schimian	Maureen Sullivan	Jane Udry
Barbara Valentine	Bob Valerius	Monica Wagner
Jan Weaver		

**Friends & Family**

Sheila Caldwell	Rod Griffin	Bob Jennings Sr.
Michelle Lattore	Amy Leigh	Paul Lereck
John Mack	Doug Martin	Greg Morley
Cathy Ramundo	Holly Rough	Suzie Rumsey
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	Paul Bauke
Sunday	11:00 am	Celebrant Intentions
Monday	8:15 am	For the Shut-ins
Tuesday	8:15 am	Benefactors
Wednesday	8:15 am	Jack Fox
Thursday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Friday	8:15 am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	4:30 pm	Nativity Alumni & their Families

**Church Offerings for December 18<sup>th</sup> will be reported in next week's bulletin, due to the Holidays!**

**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.

**Upcoming Events:** **Holy Family:** First 4 Friday evenings of January; **Parent Meeting for Confirmation:** January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office basement; **Parent Meeting for First Communion:** February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office basement-Parents only!

## December 25, 2016 – The Nativity of the Lord



**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 Education (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."**

**Sr. Janet** will be in France from January 2-24 visiting the Sisters of the European Province. She will periodically check e-mails but any timely questions should be addressed to Cindy in the Parish Office.

**FYI:** The Parish Office will be closed on December 26<sup>th</sup>. We also will be on a shorter work week December 27<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have business to take care of, please call the Parish Office first 531-3164.



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