

This Week at Nativity

Sunday:

9:00 & 11:00 am – Masses, “Church”

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

Monday:

Parish & School Offices Closed

9:00 am – New Year’s Day Mass, “Church”

Tuesday:

Parish & School Offices Closed

Wednesday:

School Resumes

7:30-8:00 am – Centering Prayer, “Chapel”

6:00-6:30 pm – Girl Scouts, “Art Room”

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Men’s Club Meeting, “Café”

Friday:

3:15-5:00 pm – Variety Show Rehearsals, “Café”

Saturday:

4:30 Mass, The Three Kings Arrive, “Church”

Note: PO – Parish Office

POB – Parish Office Basement

POU – Parish Office Upstairs

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 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 6, 2018 – 4:30 PM**Lectors:** TBA**Servers:** Hunter Evans, Ellie Allaire, Jack Davis**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bitsy Smyjunas, Ryan Reese, Rita Timoney, Helen Vollman, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sunday, January 7, 2018 – 9:00 AM****Lectors:** TBA**Servers:** Lauren Brunswick, Isabella Devanney, Rachel Farfsing, Truman Immell**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Beckman, Bill Sandman, Sister Janet, Sarah Law, Dave Morris, Henry Faulk, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sunday, January 7, 2018 – 11:00 AM****Lectors:** TBA**Servers:** Brendan Beluan, Colin Clark, Kendle Coffey, Cass Badinghaus**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shawn & LeAnn Hostiuck, Pat Dells, Mary Lennard, Lisa Harper, Renee Bock, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Next Weekend’s Outreach Collection** will be going to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please keep this organization in your prayers.**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach

Dottie Brinker

Barbara Cottrell

Roman Dietz

Jackie Goetz

Liam Kaufman

Fran Pielage

Bill Sandman

Jane & Carl Udry

Jan Weaver

Stephanie Benhase

Alberta Carter

Rachel Cronin

Joe Doering

Tom Grogan

Lothar Kreppel

Ron Rulon

Sr. Joan Schimian

Barbara Valentine

Mary Jo Beresford

Angela Casey

Diana DeRhodes

Barry Funk

Krystyna Kamp

Judy Lococo

Monica Runyan

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Friends & Family

Sheila Caldwell

Brian Lauer

George Long

Annette Mason

Kince Moore

Bob Ross

Pam Sabo

Mike Tebbe

Bob Finn

Amy Leigh

John Mack

Rose Ann Miller

Greg Morley

Holly Rough

Peg Schuckman

Michelle Lattore

Paul Lereck

Doug Martin

Bob Mitchell

Cathy Ramundo

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	4:30 pm	Neal Grogan
Sunday	11:00 am	John Schomaker
Monday	9:00 am	Deceased Parishioners
Tuesday	8:15 am	Teresa Butler
Wednesday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Thursday	8:15 am	Rev. Elmer Smith
Friday	8:15 am	Robert Nawalaniec
Saturday	4:30 pm	Molly Matre

TOTAL OFFERINGS

	December 17, 2017	Fiscal YTD
Regular Offerings	\$8,135	189,350
School Support	760	8,478
Online Collection	5,118	72,239
Total Offerings	14,013	270,067
Budget	10,800	270,000
Over (Under) Budget	3,213	67
St. Vincent de Paul	447.26	



The Holy Father designates each New Year as a special opportunity for the universal Church to pray for a year of greater peace, respect for life and social justice. This year’s theme is “Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace.” Join us as we pray for all those fleeing their homeland from war and hunger, discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation. We will pray too for the resolve to not view migrants as a threat, but as an opportunity to build peace. January 1, 2018, Mass in Celebration of the 51st “World Day of Peace,” will be celebrated by Archbishop Dennis

December 31, 2017 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Schnurr, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains (corner of 8th and Plum Streets, Downtown at 11:00 am. A reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass at the Cathedral.



Please join us for Mass on Saturday & Sunday, January 6 & 7, 2018 as we celebrate "The Epiphany of the Lord." The Gospel tells us that the Magi found Christ "On entering the House." The door to your home is a Holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by placing an inscription above the door. Join us for Mass and receive your scroll containing instructions, along with chalk for inscribing.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Event: Please hold the following dates: February 21, 28, and March 7 for a special program coordinated by Paul Zlatic, parishioner and Vice Principal at Roger Bacon High School. The title of the program is: "*Politically Homeless: Jesus for President.*" This program will provide us the opportunity to reflect on our Christian values in relation to topics that can be divisive in our American society. **More specific details and development of the topic will be coming in the January bulletins!**



"Into Our Second Century" Annual Fund...does your employer match gifts?

So far, 96 families have donated \$31,815 to the "Into Our Second Century" 2017 Annual Fund. We are off to a good start but have a way to go to reach our goal of \$100,000. Donations will be used to convert the old gym into a new library/technology/media center; make significant improvements to the interior of the church; purchase a high-grade projection system; and add \$10,000 to the school's education fund. Also, please check with your employer regarding a matching gift program. Some local employers who have matched gifts in the past include: Chase Bank, Deloitte, Fidelity, Johnson & Johnson, Macy's and UBS Financial Services. To donate to the Annual Fund, go to <https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/AnnualFund> or send your check (made out to 2017 Nativity Annual Fund) to the parish office at 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213

"In Loving Memory"... a special section on the back of the bulletin will be available to our parishioners to list the name of your deceased loved one. The cost is \$60.00 per name, and their name will remain in the bulletin for One year. This will help defray the cost of printing our bulletin at Nativity. If interested, please contact Cindy in the parish office at 531-3164.

Boosters raise funds for Nativity soccer in cooperation with FC Cincinnati: Nativity Boosters recently received a \$526 check from FC Cincinnati to be used for youth soccer. Boosters raised the money by participating in the

2017 FC Cincinnati's Giveback Program. The program selects two games whereby Nativity families can purchase tickets using a Nativity promo code. Money comes back to Nativity Boosters as a result of tickets purchased using the code. Many thanks to FC Cincinnati for their donation, and to Nativity families who used the promocode to purchase tickets to the two designated games.

VOLUNTEERS & VIRTUS TRAINING: Parents are encouraged to volunteer in any of the many PTA, Booster, parish or school-sponsored activities. Those that work directly with children must have a background check, attend the Virtus Child Awareness Session sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and keep current with the requirements of the program. This includes but is not limited to coaching, classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones and scout leaders and helpers. **Register** for a session here: goo.gl/fQqhKz and choose Cincinnati, OH (Archdiocese). When asked for a background check, contact the school office for a code to cover the \$25 cost and to answer any other questions you might have at 458-6767. **We will be hosting a session at Nativity on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 12:30-3:00 pm.**

Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance: (Parents of Elementary School Students) The Catholic Education Foundation application period for the 2018-2019 tuition assistance grants is now open. The foundation is again able to offer \$2 million in needs-based tuition assistance. Each eligible student in grades K-8 may receive up to \$1,000 to be used at any Catholic school within the Archdiocese. The determination of awards is made on a yearly basis through a third party provider, FACTS Grant and Aid Management. The application period **deadline is January 31, 2018.** For further information, please go to <http://catholicbestchoice.org/catholic-education-foundation/>. If you have any questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email cef@catholicbestchoice.org.

Greater Cincinnati Catholic Women's Conference: Ladies, you won't want to miss this! The Fourth Greater Cincinnati's Catholic Women's Conference, "*Hear I am, Lord*" will take place on **March 3, 2018** at The Manor House (7440 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio 45040.) Tickets are available at www.CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org. Last year sold out quickly. There is an amazing line up of Speakers, confessions, vendors, visiting with friends and Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Take a little time for yourself this coming Lent and enjoy this day of spiritual renewal. Bring a friend! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact jackiekeiser@yahoo.com or call 513-260-4745.

FYI: The Parish Office will be closed until January 3, 2018 (correction from last week.) If you have a true emergency, please leave a message on ext. 301 and Cindy will get back to you ASAP.



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~ Please remember Nativity in your will ~