Welcome to Nativity!

We hope you will find a place of comfort, consolation and encouragement; a place where you will meet Christ in a community of faithful and they will find Christ in you. If you have any questions about Nativity, please contact any of the staff below and they will be glad to help.

March 14, 2021

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am
Weekday: Tuesday & Friday: 8:15 am
Reconciliation—Saturdays: 3:00–4:00 pm
Reconciliation—First Friday: 9:00–9:30 am
(and Adoration)

Contact Us
Parish Office: (513) 531-3164
5935 Pandora Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45213
parish@nativity-cincinnati.org

School—Grades K-8: (513) 458-6767
school@nativity-cincinnati.org

St. Vincent de Paul: (513) 531-0283

Marriage
Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to desired date to schedule a meeting with the Pastor

Parish Staff
Fr. Eric Roush—Pastor
Fr. Tom DiFolco—Parochial Administrator
Mrs. Sharon Kindell—Executive Assistant to the Pastor
Mr. Rudy Gruenke—Systems & Special Projects
Sr. Janet Schneider—CDP-DRE/Pastoral Associate
Mr. John Puljanowski—Accounts Manager
Mrs. Julie Abraham—Development Director
Mr. Thomas Franklin—Music Ministry
Mr. Dave Arbogast—Principal
Mrs. Claudia Kimura—School Secretary
Mrs. Mary Lennard—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. There are no baptisms during Lent. Attendance at the preparation program is required before a first child’s Baptism. To sign up for the Baptism Program please contact Sr. Janet Schneider.

Mobile Devices
Please turn off all mobile devices upon entering the church. Thank you!

Hearing Enhancement Equipment
Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service. An usher would be happy to assist you. Please return the unit after the service.
This Week at Nativity

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**
11:00am Mass..................Church

**Monday, March 15**
School Closed All Week — Spring Break

**Tuesday, March 16**
8:15am Mass..................Church

**Wednesday, March 17**
9:30am Wednesday Wonderings — Virtual

**Thursday, March 18**
9:30am Catechesis of Good Shepherd — POB
4:30pm Catechesis - BOW — PO
7:00-8:00pm Confessions — Holy Trinity Church

**Friday, March 19**
8:15am Mass..................Church

**Saturday, March 20**
3:00pm Confession........Day Chapel — PO
(.until 4:00pm)
4:30pm Mass..................Church

**PO**—Parish Office
**POB**—Parish Office Basement

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Please Pray

**Sick & Shut-ins**
Bill Bach
Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew
Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker
Eugene Carlson
Kathy Chalfin
Barbara Cottrell
Diana DeRhodes

**Friends & Family**
William Baker
Mark Behring
Sally Bowron
Aaron Bradford

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**
11:00am — Richard Baumgartner

**Tuesday, March 16**
8:15am — Kay Wagner

**Friday, March 19**
8:15am — Jackie Atchison

**Saturday, March 20**
4:30pm — Angela Casey

**Sunday, March 21**
11:00am — For the People

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**Minister Schedule**

**Saturday** • 4:30 pm  March 20
**Lectors** Bob Herring, Tom Millard

**Sunday** • 11:00 am  March 21
**Lectors** Deborah Casey, Michael Mohr
Our Stewardship

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Nativity Parish is dependent upon regular donations to help pay expenses associated with the day-to-day operation of the parish and its programs. An online recurring donation allows you to make regular contributions to Nativity Parish even when you’re not here, and allows Nativity to better budget for the year. If you’ve already signed up for a recurring donation, thank you! If not, please consider signing up at [https://sundaycollection.nativity-cincinnati.org](https://sundaycollection.nativity-cincinnati.org) click on Recurring Donation and indicate the amount, frequency and payment type. Your regular participation in supporting Nativity’s ministries matters! For information, contact Julie Abraham, Director of Development, at julie.abraham@nativity-cincinnati.org or 513-531-3164.

*If you would like a statement of your total contributions for 2020, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to send you a copy.*

"Building Our Community" 2020-2021 Annual Fund has reached 86% of its $100,000 goal!!!

Many thanks to the 112 Nativity families who collectively contributed $86,000 to the "Building Our Community" Annual Fund. The Nativity Annual Fund is the primary source of funding for capital expenditures in our school and church. Your contribution to this year’s annual fund will help provide a COVID Relief Fund to pay for unexpected expenses in school; live-streaming in the church; a fire detection system in the parish office building; tuition aid for school families; and assistance to our local neighbors in need. If you’ve not yet contributed to the annual fund, please consider making a donation to help us reach our $100,000 goal. To donate please go to [https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/AnnualFund](https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/AnnualFund) or make a check out to Nativity Annual Fund, and mail it to Nativity, 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213. For more information, contact annual fund chair, Jason Moser at jason.moser@fmr.com Thank you for your continued support of Nativity!

"The Light shines in the darkness"  
- John 1:5

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from Nativity Parish who has supported the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so to help these very important ministries. For additional information or to donate online, please visit [www.AOCstewardship.org](http://www.AOCstewardship.org) Thank You!
We could really use a few people who are able and willing to serve as sacristan for our liturgies. This simple ministry involves lighting the candles at the shrines and in the sanctuary and bringing the sacred vessels out to the credence table. It’s helpful to be at church about 15 minutes before Mass to do this. If you are able to help out a few times a month, please call Sr. Janet or Sharon at 531-3164.

Do you sometimes wonder what you can do to enter into what happens at Mass on the Lord’s Day better? To prepare better for the celebration of the Eucharist? Here’s an idea: join Father Tom and fellow parishioners for a virtual Bible Study. We spend time in prayer, reflection, and conversation about the upcoming Bible readings. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will meet for our final week on Wednesday March 17 at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 563-6377, or to Tom Giordano at tom@saintmichaelchurch.net, and we will send you the online meeting information. (This is Fr. Tom DiFolco, who is filling in at Nativity and Holy Trinity while Fr. Eric is on a three month sabbatical.)

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE, YOU MAY NOW DO SO. WE ASK ONLY THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL THE END WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS RECEIVED COMMUNION, AND THEN GO ONLY TO FR. TOM.

THANK YOU!
**Parkinson’s Disease Support Group**
meets via ZOOM on the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday - March 15th, at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Cheryl Weisgerber at: cherylmweisgerber@gmail.com or call 513-731-9272.

**Communion Procession:**
Nine months ago when we studied the changes needed as a result of the pandemic we decided on the following plan: There are two Communion Ministers, the pastor and one other. The pastor begins at the middle aisle distributing Communion to those who sit on the right side as you face the altar. He then moves toward the right side (cry room) and distributes to those sitting there. Simultaneously the other minister begins on the far left side (near Mary shrine) and moves from there to the middle aisle to distribute to the people who are seated on the left side of the main aisle. This plan helps us keep social distancing. Volunteers distribute hand sanitizer as people come out of their pews.

**Easter Baptisms:** We have six children who will be baptized this year, two at the Easter Vigil and four on the Sunday after Easter. Please pray for Sofia, Michael, Caylean, Clive, Hazel and Oscar as they prepare for their Baptism and First Communion.

In an effort to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we are inviting parishioners to purchase their own personal copies of the “Breaking Bread” Missal for use at home or in church. Bring it with you to Mass and take it home with you after each Mass. To purchase your copy, please call or stop by the parish office to make arrangements for pickup. **Cost is now just $5 per Missal.**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati would like to thank Nativity of Our Lord Parish for their support of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your contributions of $2,761.34 is greatly appreciated! Fewer members entering most communities make this collection all the more important for caring for the retired and older members. There are fewer members in remunerative ministries. The infirmed and elderly serve all of us through their prayer and suffering. These members often show us how to live and how to die. In our society, there is real value to the witness of our care of the aged members. Thank you for your generosity to this collection!
Through Beacons of Light, 65-75 parish groupings will become Families of Parishes throughout the cities and towns, suburbs, and rural communities of the 19 counties of southwest Ohio. Parishioners will be invited to share their hopes and dreams as parish leaders come together to discern the future, with the ultimate goal – in time, of each family becoming one parish led by a single pastor.

Why now? Many factors lead us to recognize an urgent need to organize parish life more effectively for our future. Our parishes need to be vibrant communities of faith in order that we might fully grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We face the decline of religious practice in the United States and changing demographics in the Midwest. And, while we are blessed with an increased number of men who have been ordained to the priesthood in the past few years, or who are currently in seminary formation, we have even more still serving as pastors who are at or beyond retirement age or who will be eligible to retire in the next few years.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14 4:30 & 11:00 ♦ = MASS SETTING

All music can be found at nativity-music.org | password: pandora

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Isaiah 66: 10-11
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Kyrie: Latin Chant Mass

GREAT AMEN: Danish Amen

AGNUS DEI: Latin Chant Mass
1-2. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misericóre nobis.
3. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 9: 11, 38
The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

COMMUNION SONG

Psalm 137: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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THE LITURGY OF THE Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

With These Ashes
Gerard Chiussano

With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord. With these ashes, we turn our hearts to you. Daughters and sons, we journey as one. With these ashes, we know your love, O Lord.

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SANCTUS: Latin Chant Mass

MYSTERY OF FAITH: English Chant
Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

RECESSIONAL

THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL
Dan Schutte

Refrain
Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

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POSTLUDE: “March in A Minor” Jacques-Louis Bittmann