

This Week at Nativity

Sunday: Closed**Monday:** Closed**Tuesday:** Closed**Wednesday:** Closed**Thursday:** Closed**Friday:** Closed**Saturday:** Closed***UPDATE from the Catholic Conference of Ohio regarding Mass:**

Out of deep concern for the common good as well as the physical and spiritual well-being of all the people of Ohio, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have agreed once again to cooperate with the governor, and to support and abide by the multi-phased approach to returning to work and eventual public gathering in large groups. To that end, on Tuesday, April 28th the Catholic Bishops of Ohio announced they have extended the suspension of public Mass through Friday, May 29th, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Additional details will follow in the coming weeks, as we receive updates from the Archdiocese.

For the latest information on the Coronavirus and what we are doing at Nativity please visit our website at www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates.

Let us care and be attentive to one another:

During this very unusual time for all of us it is so important that we support and encourage one another. We urge you to be attentive to your neighbors, to offer help in any way you can, being especially mindful of the elderly, the sick or those who are alone. Try to cheer one another and pray for one another. Let us make this a time of real Christian community-building. ***In God alone we place our trust.***

Sick & Shut-Ins

Bill Bach

Liz Bellew

Dottie Brinker

Kathy Chalfin

Joe Doering

Jackie Goetz

Fr. Ray Kellerman

Karen Morgan

Debbie Schneider

Barbara Valentine

Bill Balskus

Stephanie Benhase

Eugene Carlson

Barbara Cottrell

Stella Evans

Krystyna Kamp

Al & Mary Lou Matre

Ron Rulon

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Reid Baumgartner

Mary Jo Beresford

Deborah Casey

Diana DeRhodes

Barry Funk

Jim Kaufman

Mary McErlane

Sr. Joan Schimian

Jane & Carl Udry

Jan Weaver

Friends & Family

Mark Behreng

Bob Finn

Doug Martin

David Palmer

Mike Rumsey

Mary Ellen Spaite

Mike Tebbe

Sheila Caldwell

Rick Holtz

Bob Mitchell

Cathy Ramundo

Rhoda Rupp

Peg Schuckman

Mary Williams

James Doolittle

John Mack

Greg Morley

Holly Rough

Randy Rupp Jr.

David Shiveley

Craig Wrober

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

CHURCH OFFERINGS

	May 3, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Regular Collection	7,844	310,887
School Support	355	11,256
Online Collection	582	168,444
Total Offerings	8,781	490,587
Budget	10,900	498,700
Over (under) Budget	(2,119)	(8,113)

"Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund has reached over 91% of its goal!

The "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund is building momentum with 151 families contributing \$91,284 to date. This year's goal is to raise \$100,000 to improve campus security and fire detection; enhance the sound in church; update the ceiling, lighting and wall coverings in the cafeteria; and add \$10,000 to our School Education Fund. Many thanks to those who have already contributed. For those of you that are experiencing financial hardships of your own, we know that this is not the time to give. But, for those of you who can help, please consider donating so that we have cash in hand to complete our projects over the summer. Any donation would be deeply appreciated! To donate to Annual Fund, send a check made out to Nativity Annual Fund, 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213. Questions regarding annual fund may be directed to co-chairs Dianne Fisk at Dianne.Fisk@thechristhospital.com or Charlie Knapke at cknapke1@lenovo.com.

WEEKLY ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST:

The Weekly Encounters are intended for use in your Domestic Church during the Fifty Days of Easter. The order of prayer provided is the same week to week, with a different Gospel account of the Risen Lord's appearance to his disciples, and to us. Each week, now through Pentecost, a new encounter will be proclaimed and prayed. The Fourth Encounter is: **Mary Magdalen Encounters the Risen Lord; John 20: 11-18.** Please go to the following link for specific directions on how to pray them each week: <https://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates/weekly-encounters/> We will have a new Encounter each week on our website, as well as hard copies in the back of church for those of you who do not use/have access to a computer.



ALL BAPTISMS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL THROUGH MAY 29th ARE CANCELED due to the shelter in place order by Gov. DeWine. All Baptisms will be rescheduled when the order is lifted, and we are permitted to once again gather for Mass.

If you had a Mass Intention scheduled for a loved one or friend anytime between mid March through May 29th, the same holds true as for Baptisms scheduled. We will get everyone rescheduled as soon as we are permitted to return to regular worship in church.



HOMILY REFLECTION

**Sunday, May 10, 2020
Second Reading:
1 Peter 2: 4-9**



Catholics have long considered May to be a special month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited to cut flowers from their garden, bring them to church and put them on the available stands in front of the statue of Mary. Take time to pray a special Marian prayer like the Memorare, Hail Holy Queen or the Rosary.

At this time in the course of human life, it is frightening and challenging. It is easy to feel small and unimportant, even forgotten. However, St. Peter reminds us that it is not true if we come to Jesus. He is the living stone, rejected by humans, but chosen and precious in the sight of God. We must let ourselves be built into a spiritual house upon Jesus the cornerstone. We, the baptized are a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. If we believe in him, we shall not be put to shame. If we believe in him, we have great value. Some who do not believe in Jesus, the cornerstone, will stumble and fall. If they neglect the earth they shall walk in darkness. If they neglect any of our brothers or sisters of humankind, they shall be put to shame. We who believe may neglect no one. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he has chosen to announce the praises of him, who has walked through the darkness; we stand in his wonderful light.

Sons and daughters, please do not forget to honor and give thanks to your mother on Mother's Day. Whatever way you choose to honor her, please let her know how much she means to you and how important she has been to you throughout your life. The following prayer may be used prior to the Grace Before Meals or at the conclusion of dinner, or you might have another prayer that you prefer.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Loving God,
As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.
Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, her family, may honor her always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Amen.*



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