

## This Week at Nativity

**Sunday:** Closed  
**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** Closed  
**Wednesday:** Closed  
**Thursday:** Closed  
**Friday:** Closed  
**Saturday:** Closed

**\*Due to the renovation of the restrooms in the church we will not be reopening the church until construction is complete. This is tentatively set for early June. This project has been delayed due to issues getting supplies as part of the COVID -19 pandemic. When finished both the men's and women's restrooms will have hot water, and tile floors making it easier to clean and sanitize these restrooms. We will also have a universal ADA bathroom finally in church. If you have any questions please contact Rudy Gruenke, Director of Systems & Special Projects at 513-3164 or [rudygruenke@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:rudygruenke@nativity-cincinnati.org)**

**For the latest information on the Coronavirus and what we are doing at Nativity please visit our website at [www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates](http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates). A new letter has been added from our COVID Response Team.**

***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	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Deborah Casey
Kathy Chalfin	Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes
Joe Doering	Declan Donovan	Stella Evans
Barry Funk	Jackie Goetz	Krystyna Kamp
Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman	Chris Lane
Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane	Karen Morgan
Ron Rulon	Sr. Joan Schimian	Debbie Schneider
Maureen Sullivan	Jane & Carl Udry	Barbara Valentine
Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver	

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behreng	Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle
Bob Finn	Rick Holtz	John Mack
Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell	Greg Morley
David Palmer	Cathy Ramundo	Holly Rough
Mike Rumsey	Rhoda Rupp	Randy Rupp Jr.
Mary Ellen Spaite	Peg Schuckman	David Shiveley
Mike Tebbe	Mary Williams	Craig Wrober

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

<b>CHURCH OFFERINGS</b>	<b>May 24, 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Collection	8,055	332,546
School Support	0	11,456
Online Collection	667	190,493
Total Offerings	8,722	534,495
Budget	10,900	531,400
Over (under) Budget	(2,178)	3,095

**"Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund has reached over 91% of its goal!** The "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund is building momentum with 155 families contributing \$92,604 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](mailto:Dianne.Fisk@thechristhospital.com) or Charlie Knapke at [cknapke1@lenovo.com](mailto:cknapke1@lenovo.com).

## May 31, 2020 – Pentecost Sunday

**If you had a Mass Intention scheduled for a loved one or friend anytime between mid March through mid June,** you will be able to reschedule another time as soon as we are able to return to regular worship in church. The same holds true as for Baptisms scheduled. Please contact Cindy in the Parish office with any questions 531-3164.

### **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 Seventh Encounter is: **Thomas Believes, John 20:19-31.** 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.



### **GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020**

*Greta Albers  
Eleanor Allaire  
Demetrius Ashley  
Cassandra Badinghaus  
Finnigan Barrett  
James Baverman  
Devin Bedgood  
Michael Boothe  
Darrick Boston  
Lauren Brunswick  
Jonathan Daniels  
Rachel Farfsing  
George Fisher  
Emma Ganz  
Amaru Harrison  
Kaeley Hawkins  
Xavier Hecker  
Sydney Hunt  
Taylor Martin  
Benjamin Millard  
Chad Mumper*

*Cole Nathan  
Alexander Navarro  
Samantha Pennington  
Andrew Peters  
Charles Peters  
Braden Pinyard  
Samuel Ramirez  
Rachel Reyring  
Alexander Robinson  
Tyler Rude  
Luke Schomaker  
Oliver Shearing  
Gracie Smart  
Lauren Spencer  
Grace Swaile  
Louis Van Rens  
Riley Ventre  
Tomas Vonder Haar  
Ernest Devon Walker  
Kamilla Walker  
Loran Zubelik*

**Many blessings to all of you now  
and in the future!**

### **Updates from the Pastor:**

On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> a mailing went out to all parish families containing information regarding the re-opening of church and the resumption of public Mass at Nativity. Included with the letter was information regarding the phasing-in process and some of what is required to be COVID-19 compliant. We hope you find this information helpful as we move forward. Below are a few of the most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) which were also included in the mailing you received:

#### **What is the delay in resuming Mass? Other parishes are having Mass on May 25. Didn't the Archbishop require churches to start having Mass on May 25th?**

The Archbishop released a statement that public Mass could begin on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>. The statement provided 5 pages of guidelines for parishes to individualize to their church space to resume Mass in the safest way. This requires the work of many and takes time. Additionally, the science and data on Covid-19 transmission changes almost daily. We appreciate your patience because we know people are very much looking forward to worshipping together. Also, the bathrooms are not functional right now as the long-awaited remodeling to make them handicapped accessible is almost finished. Hopefully that will stay on schedule and be completed by June 8<sup>th</sup>. To view the recommendations: <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/archdiocese-of-cincinnati-public-masses-begin-memorial-day-may-25/66050>

#### **Why couldn't we use St. Sebastian Hall until the renovations to the bathrooms are completed?**

This is something we considered. The setup requires a lot of physical work by staff in close proximity to each other, putting them at risk and safety precautions need to be implemented in any space for worship. The gym floors, however, are scheduled for the yearly refinishing the 2nd week of June, right about when the bathrooms will be finished in the church. It makes more sense to wait until then.

#### **What about First Communion, Confirmation, and the RCIA Elect?**

First consideration will be given these groups. We feel extra caution should be taken in any Mass where children would be attending in large numbers based on new data regarding Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome being seen in children. This is going to take compromises for the participants as getting the entire group of First Communicants or Confirmation Candidates together seems unwise.

For the full list of FAQ's, as well as the Phasing-In process of re-opening church, please refer to the sheet which was included in the mailing mentioned above. Thank you for your patience as we continue to make every attempt to keep our community healthy.

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