

**This Week at Nativity****Sunday:** -11:00 am Mass**Monday:****Tuesday:** 8:15 am Mass**Wednesday:****Thursday:****Friday:** 8:15 am Mass**Saturday:** 4:30 pm Mass**We highly encourage donations to Nativity be made online through WeShare:**

Nativity families can continue to make donations to Nativity, 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45213 or online through WeShare, Nativity's online giving platform. On WeShare, you can also make donations to other Nativity funds including the Nativity School fund and the "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund. Should you need help in making online donations, you may contact WeShare at: Customer Service Phone Number: 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2); Customer Service Email: [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com); or Donor FQA: WeShare Donor Support. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Nativity!

**Mass is currently limited to 100 people due to spacing requirements for social distancing.**

Everyone who attends Mass must wear a mask and follow all recommended Diocesan health and safety precautions.

**Readings for September 20, 2020***Isaiah 55: 6-9      *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a***Matthew 20: 1-16a***Saturday - 4:30 PM Mass****Lectors: Beth Gunderson & Deborah Casey****Sunday - 11:00 AM Mass****Lectors: Tom Millard & Patti Newberry****MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: For the People  
 Tuesday: Richard Baumgartner  
 Friday: Mary Spangler  
 Saturday: Jim Phillips

**Lectors for next weekend - September 26/27:****4:30 Mass: Bea Souder & Ed Smith****11:00 Mass: John Finn & Patrick Jennings****Weekday Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion:** *A weekday celebration of a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion may take place only if Mass is not celebrated in the parish on that day. The policy interprets daily Mass to mean at the parish "or pastoral region."*

We at Nativity have easy access to Mass at either Holy Trinity on Monday and Thursday at 7:45 am or at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center every day at 8:30 am. Therefore the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is not deemed appropriate.

***Please pray for the following:*****Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Kathy Chalfin
Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes	Joe Doering
Declan Donovan	Stella Evans	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman
Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane	Gretchen Niswonger
Ron Rulon	Debbie Schneider	Maureen Sullivan
Carl Udry	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behreng	Sally Bowron	Aaron Bradford
Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle	Bob Finn
Mary Sue Loftus	Rick Holtz	John Mack
Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell	Greg Morley
David Palmer	Holly Rough	Peg Schuckman
Susan Shakelford	Mary Ellen Spaite	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>September 13, 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Collection	5028.00	50,8440.54
School Support	75.00	2,855.00
Online Collection	13,185.00	49,463.32
Total Offerings	18,288.00	102,562.86
Budget	10,900.00	119,900.00
Over (under) Budget	7,388.00	(17,337.14)

**This Weekend's Second Collection:** Will be going to the Collection for the Holy Land, originally scheduled for Good Friday. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Christians, along with all of clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious, and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.



Starting with the next parish bulletin all submissions must be submitted to Cindy, in writing, by Mondays at 11:00 am! Please email your requests to [cindy.schlegel@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:cindy.schlegel@nativity-cincinnati.org).

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

The school year is well under way in many places throughout the nation, including in our own community. School supplies this year include things that have possibly never made the list before: hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial wipes, face masks. Yet, despite the exceptional circumstances, the need for education and the desire to learn remain deeply rooted in our human experience. Unlike all the other creatures on Earth, the human person has been gifted with the desire to know, to ask questions, to learn things.

In the liturgical calendar, this is Catechetical Sunday. The Church reflects on her mission, given to the Apostles and shared in different ways by all believers, to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that the Lord Jesus has commanded. The theme this year is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you" (1 Corinthians 11:23). The very word catechesis means "to echo." The Apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and saints in every age did not create their own religious content. They shared what they had received and discovered ever new and more effective ways to share what they received from God. The content of our faith is rooted in our relationship with the Divine Teacher.

In his monumental encyclical on catechesis, Saint John Paul II reminds us, "that the majesty of Christ the Teacher and the unique consistency and persuasiveness of His teaching can only be explained by the fact that His words, His parables and His arguments are never separable from His life and His very being. Accordingly, the whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching: His silences, His miracles, His gestures, His prayer, His love for people, His special affection for the little and the poor, His acceptance of the total sacrifice on the cross for the redemption of the world, and His resurrection are the actualization of His word and the fulfillment of revelation. Hence for Christians the crucifix is one of the most sublime and popular images of Christ the Teacher.

These considerations follow in the wake of the great traditions of the Church and they all strengthen our fervor with regard to Christ, the Teacher who reveals God to man and man to himself, the Teacher who saves, sanctifies and guides, who lives, who speaks, rouses, moves, redresses, judges, forgives, and goes with us day by day on the path of history, the Teacher who comes and will come in glory" (Catechesis Tradendae, #9).

Let us spend time each day, but especially on Catechetical Sunday, learning more deeply the life and love of God, first in prayer, but also in his words in Sacred Scripture, in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, in the reflections of the saints throughout the ages, and the beauty of sacred art throughout the world. May we recall the sacrifice that

the Lord Himself made on the Cross by praying before a crucifix, learning the great lesson of love from the greatest and best of teachers.



### **Sacramental Dates rescheduled: Confirmation**

will be celebrated in two ceremonies with Fr. Eric as the celebrant on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (Families A-J) and Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (K-W), both at 7:00 pm. **First**

**Communion** will also be in two ceremonies: Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Families A-J) and Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (Families K-Z) both at 1:30 pm. **First Communion Practice will be held on Wednesday, September 29:** (Families A-J), will be at 6:00 pm and (Families K-Z), will be held at 6:45 pm in church. **Parents** if you did not receive an email regarding this, please make sure to contact Sister Janet at [janet.schneider@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:janet.schneider@nativity-cincinnati.org)

**Parish Outreach Project:** Please do not forget that we are still trying to provide bananas, oranges/tangerines and individually wrapped desserts (L'il Debbie type) for the homeless who get meals from *Our Daily Bread*. They must be in the parish office by Thursday morning, 8:30 am.



Beginning on September 23, people across the world will gather outside of abortion facilities to lift their voices in prayer for the women and men who enter, the workers who provide abortion services, and the innocent lives lost. Those who commit to these 40 days of prayer and fasting, do so peacefully in the spirit of hope that someday we will see a world where the killing of unborn children is unthinkable.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** - You must register or update your voter registration no later than 30 days prior to an election. Upcoming voter registration deadline: **October 5, 2020** for the November 3, 2020 General Election. If you register or update your information after the deadline, the change will apply for the next election. Please vote from a conscience informed according to Catholic teaching.

### **FEELING CALLED TO DO MORE?**

Is it finally time to prepare yourself to serve as a lay leader in the parish? Whether you are interested in preparing for the Diaconate, working at a social service agency, parish, hospital, school, or want to become better informed about the Catholic Faith, we can help! The School of Theology offers M.A. degrees in Pastoral Ministry, Biblical Studies and Theology and Certificates in Pastoral Ministry. Graduate & certificate courses are offered at the main campus, 6616 Beechmont Avenue in Cincinnati. Take class for credit, audit or begin a degree. Visit our website [athenaeum.edu](http://athenaeum.edu) and call or email today to learn more. Barbara Yoder, [byoder@athenaeum.edu](mailto:byoder@athenaeum.edu), 513.233.6129 or 513.231.1200. Helping parish lay leaders become equipped for the journey of faith since 1975.

*~Please remember Nativity in your will~*

September 20, 2020 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time