

THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY**SUNDAY:**

10:45-12:00 pm – Catechesis, POB

11:00 am – Mass, Church

MONDAY:**TUESDAY:**

8:15 am – Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY:**THURSDAY:**

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, POB

4:00-5:30 pm – Catechesis, POB & Upstairs

FRIDAY:

8:15 am – Mass, Church

SATURDAY:

4:30 pm - Mass, Church

PO – Parish Office; POB – Parish Office Basement**Readings for November 15, 2020**

Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

Saturday – 4:30 pm Mass**Lectors:** Beth Gunderson, Bob Herring**Sunday – 11:00 am Mass****Lectors:** Patrick Jennings, Patti Newberry**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: For the People

Tuesday: For the People

Friday: For the People

Saturday: For the People

THANK YOU...for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

Next week our special collection will be taken for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

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

Bill Bach	Reid Baumgartner	Liz Bellew
Mary Jo Beresford	Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson
Kathy Chalfin	Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes
Joe Doering	Declan Donovan	Stella Evans
Barry Funk	Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman
Mary Sue Loftus	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
Rick Holtz	John Mack	Doug Martin
Bob Mitchell	Ellen Molloy	Greg Morley
David Palmer	Holly Rough	Peg Schuckman
Susan Shakelford	Mary Ellen Spaite	Mike Tebbe
Mary Williams	Craig Wrober	

Please remember those who have died, especially Jackie Goetz.

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

CHURCH OFFERINGS	November 8, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Regular Collection	4,802.50	103,179.22
School Support	380.50	4,131.00
Online Collection	667.00	80,013.32
Total Offerings	5,850.00	187,323.54
Budget	10,900.00	207,100.00
Over (under) Budget	(5,050.00)	(19,776.46)



November 29, 2020 is the First Sunday of Advent! Effective that weekend, Nativity will resume taking up a second collection for our Outreach programs. We now have permission to use collection baskets which have a long handle, (respecting social distancing), reducing human contact that occurs when passing a regular basket from pew to pew. There is so much need in our communities, more than ever before it seems, and this is one way of our parish helping those less fortunate.

From the Pastor's Desk

In the Catholic liturgical year the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is often also a time to deepen our understanding of Church teaching on the "four last things": death, judgment, hell, and heaven. Last weekend the second reading opened up the opportunity to reflect on death and the good grief guided by our hope in the Resurrection of Jesus. This weekend's reading on the parable of the talents from the Gospel of Matthew clearly calls for a conversation about judgment.

In our contemporary culture, judgment has become a much maligned concept. Those labeled "judgmental" are often ostracized. In more cosmic terms, the very notion of divine judgment or "judgment day" is either an object of derision or simply dismissed as fantasy. Many might consider such things as doomsday belonging to the stone age and not the scientific era.

Yet, as Catholics, fully embracing the power and possibility of the scientific method to analyze and understand the physical world, a personal judgment on our thoughts, words, and actions is beyond science. Not contrary to science, but of a realm in which there is another method of knowing. It is the realm of morality, a combination of philosophical ethics and the revealed truth of Christian discipleship. The Bible is very clear in any number of places that there will be an assessment by God of our stewardship, an accounting of how we've used the blessings bestowed upon us. In the teaching of the Church this is referred to as the particular judgment.

"The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith: the parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul—a destiny which can be different for some and for others. Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1021-22).

This might initially be cause for trepidation, but ultimately should draw us to a trustful surrender to our merciful God. The Lord would never ask us to do that which He would not also provide the grace to accomplish. God has created us for some definite purpose and desires for us to realize that purpose for our own blessedness. This particular call to holiness is situated within the universal call to holiness, to discipleship, to be like Jesus.

Already revealed in the Old Testament is the Lord's heart for mercy. The first reading from chapter 31 of Proverbs, known as the song of the Valiant Woman, shows that this call is nothing new, and not restricted to prophets, priests, or holy hermits. We hear of a work-a-day wife, honored at the city gates for her excellence in the tasks of her state in life: to care for the poor, to give food and drink to those in need, to pray. Ultimately the worthy wife is honored for her fidelity to God. She is ennobled by her faithfulness, by her patient perseverance in charity and prayer. At the end of our lives we too will be judged. The particular criteria belong to each of us personally, but the general path is the same: love firstly, do justly, walk humbly with God.



"Building Our Community" 2020-2021 Nativity Annual Fund:

The "Building Our Community" 2020-2021 Annual Fund kicked off last week with the goal of raising \$100,000 to establish a COVID Relief Fund to provide for unexpected expenses in the school due to the pandemic; to install technology in the church to allow for live-streaming of Mass and other sacramental celebrations; and to install a fire detection system in the parish office building. In addition, \$10,000 will be added to the School Education Fund, which helps provide tuition aid to families in need. Also, \$5,000 will be allocated to be shared between our St. Vincent de Paul and The Caring Place, a first-time annual fund priority to help our neighbors in the community. Within the past few days, all Nativity families should have received a mailing regarding the specifics of the 2020-2021 campaign. Please take time to learn about this year's goals and prayerfully consider how you might help us improve our facilities and build our community during these challenging times. For more information regarding the "Building Our Community" 2020-2021 Annual Fund go to www.nativity-cincinnati.org/giving/annual-fund



Feeding the Community

**St. Ann's Society
"Feed the Need"**

This year in particular, many of our neighbors served by The Caring Place and St. Vincent de Paul are in even greater need. This is where "Feed the Need" steps in.

Grocery certificates in \$5.00 denominations can be purchased to give to The Caring Place (through Thanksgiving) and St. Vincent de Paul (after Thanksgiving through Jan. 3rd). These organizations distribute them to their growing number of clients. This provides us with a perfect opportunity to feed the hungry as Jesus asks us. Additionally, grocery certificates make a great gift for someone special, the person who has everything, or as a memorial. St. Ann's will provide a card to acknowledge your gift. Please send your contribution to fund grocery certificates to the parish or school office marked "St. Ann's Feed the Need" or you can contribute on Nativity's safe and secure website under *Give to Nativity* and indicate *Feed the Need grocery certificates*. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Rutishauser at 513-631-8447 or ekrutishauser@gmail.com

Calling on Compassionate Co-workers in

Bereavement: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." In the Beatitudes from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus invites his disciples to accompany those who are grieving. To pray for the living and the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. To bury the dead is a corporal work of mercy. If you desire to extend the mercy of Jesus into the world, consider becoming part of the Bereavement Team at Nativity of Our Lord parish.

There are three parts to this ministry in the parish:

1. Assist families in preparing the funeral liturgy;
2. Be present during the liturgy to walk with the family in whatever might be needed (e.g., bringing up the gifts, finding the place in the lectionary for the reading, etc.);
3. Help with the optional luncheon afterward.

If you've been wondering how to become more involved in the parish and extend the mercy of Jesus into the world, pray and consider whether God might be calling you to serve on the Bereavement Team at Nativity. For additional information, please contact Sr. Janet at (513) 531-3164, ext. 505

SVDP Coat Drive



It's that time of the year already and the SVDP Society at Nativity is collecting gently used and new coats of all sizes to be given to neighbors in need this winter. Check your closets and help fill the barrel located in the vestibule in the back of church. The area is accessible Mon-Friday 7:30 am through 2:30 pm and on the weekends at Mass time. Coats should be clean and have functioning zippers and buttons. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity!



Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor and developing countries. This

ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Advent Holy Hour, Monday, December 7, 2020. 7 p.m. Holy Trinity Church Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception. We will be having Exposition and Benediction, as we pray, sing, and recite the rosary together. Father Eric will lead us and offer a reflection on the gospel. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

November 15, 2020 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Nativity Christmas Tree Sale

The *Nativity Christmas Tree* sale is right around the corner! All Proceeds go to the Nativity General Fund. Please help make 2020 - another great

year. It takes over 500 volunteer hours to make the sale a success.

Unload and Set-up – Friday, November 27th @ 8:30am

This is an excellent opportunity for students who need to satisfy their High School service hours requirement. Come out and work off all the Thanksgiving turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie! Food and drinks will be provided at the completion of the set-up at approximately 11:00 am.

Christmas Tree Sale – Friday, November 27th – Wed, December 16th.

- We need volunteers to help sell trees and wreaths, especially on the weekends, our busiest time. This is a fantastic way to get in the Christmas Spirit, meet new folks, and help Nativity! Another excellent idea for service hours!!!!

Get a group of your friends together and work some shifts as a team. It's a ton of fun! Consider taking the lead of a specific day/shift for the duration of the sale. *With all the volunteers last year, we managed to sell out in exactly 2 weeks!!!!*

Cleanup Day – Friday, December 18th or earlier (TBD)

This is also a great opportunity for students to satisfy their High School service hours requirement, and a wonderful opportunity to help your church and meet some new parishioners! *Must be cleaned prior to Christmas Eve services!!!!* This may happen sooner depending on sales! Will keep everyone posted.

2 Easy Ways to Volunteer:

We are using Sign Up Genius again to volunteer for the Christmas Tree Sale this year! Links are provided below:
Unload: Please go to <https://bit.ly/31YtDIS> for sign up.
Sales: Please go to <https://bit.ly/3jFahhP> for sign up.
If you have any questions, please contact Phil Ganz by email at ganz.pj@pg.com or by phone at 513-673-7366 (Mobile) or 513-731-0012 (Home).

The Christmas Tree sale hours are Monday thru Friday from 5:00 pm till 9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon till 8:00 pm.

We can always use firewood to keep the spirit warm!
Thank You for Supporting Nativity!!!



ADVENT is coming, and we'd like our families to pray and celebrate this beautiful season in your homes. Since we can't have our traditional Advent Family Gathering with wreath-making and lunch,

we will at least have available for you on Sunday, November 22 after the 11am Mass, the Advent wreath wire frames (\$5) and the 4 candles (\$5). Greens if needed will be available on Nov. 29, the First Sunday of Advent (after the Christmas Tree sale has begun.) Please email Sr. Janet if you are interested in buying either the frame and/or the candles so that enough supplies are available

National Black Catholic History Month

As part of National Black Catholic History Month, the diocese celebrates the lives of six African American candidates for the Cause of Canonization. We (Nativity) thought this would be a great opportunity to share once again with our parishioners, the biographies of some of these same six candidates whose paintings are currently on display inside our church, located on the right side, just beyond the cry room. This week we celebrate **Venerable Augustus Tolton**. Please take a few moments to read today's insert and learn a little about his journey which has made him a candidate for the Cause of Canonization.



Christmas Giving Tree Is Up! The Giving Tree is here! It's a beautiful opportunity to spread Christmas joy and give gifts to needy children and seniors in our community. Here are the steps: **1. Select tags** from the tree for gifts you would like to give, and **2.**

IMMEDIATELY fill out the receipt with your name and phone number and put it in our box so we know who will be buying each gift. Note that each tag has two parts. You take the gift tag that lists the recipient's name to attach to the gift. Behind the gift tag is a smaller slip of paper, a "receipt," asking for YOUR name and phone number. **Tear off and fill out the receipt right away in church** for each gift you select. For example, if you take two gift tags, fill out two receipts with your name and number and drop them in the box – so we can reach you if necessary. **3. WRAP GIFTS and ATTACH GIFT TAGS** - Securely attach the gift tag to each gift. If your gift is a GIFT CARD, please **put the card in a box and wrap it**, so it is less likely to get lost. **4. RETURN gifts** before or after Masses on the weekends of November 28-29, Dec. 5-6, or Dec. 12-13 **The FINAL DEADLINE for turning gifts is Noon on Sunday DECEMBER 13th.** **5. ***** Only a small number of gift requests are on the tree, as most are online this year. Please use the links below to select gifts you would like to give to needy kids or lonely seniors:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9aa2fa64-nativity>
or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9aa2fa64-nativity>
Additional info, contact Grace Severyn at graceseveryn@gmail.com, or by home phone (513) 821-4163 or cell (513) 510-9453.

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