

This Week at Nativity**Sunday:**

8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"
 1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, "Chapel"

Monday:

Spring Break – School Closed
 Cafeteria Closed for Waxing
 7:00 pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, "Chapel"

Tuesday:

Spring Break – School Closed
 Cafeteria Closed for Waxing
 7:00 pm – Education Commission, "Chapel"

Wednesday:

Spring Break – School Closed
 Cafeteria Closed for Waxing
 7:30-8:00 am – Centering Prayer, "Chapel"
 9:15-10:30 am – Wednesday Wonderings, "Chapel"
 7:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration, "Church"

Thursday:

Spring Break – School Closed
 Cafeteria Closed for Waxing
 9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"
 4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, "POB & POU"

Friday:

Spring Break – School Closed
 5:30-7:30 pm – Fish Fry, "Café"

Saturday:Note:

PO – Parish Office
 POB – Parish Office Basement
 POU – Parish Office Upstairs

Please call the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A complete list of parish events can be found at <http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/calendar>

Readings: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18
 Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 9: 28b-36

Saturday, March 16, 2019 – 4:30 PM

Lectors: Martha Heidkamp, Linda Crawford, Linda Crawford

Servers: Lindsay Schlake, Lauren Spencer, Megan Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Klonne, Dick Meirose, Bea Souder, Nita Toennis, Abigail Spencer, Volunteers Needed

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – 9:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Brown, Anthony Kulhanek, Tony Daniel

Servers: Lauren, Zach & Joe Brunswick, Rachel Farfsing

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Hermann, Judy Parsons, Wayne & Jan Chapman, Rob Preston, Michaela & Michaela Townsend, Volunteers Needed

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – 11:00 AM

Lectors: Mary Lennard, Tom Millard, John Finn

Servers: Sydney & Sophia Hunt, Caroline & Kathleen Jennings

Eucharistic Ministers: Jason Darrah, Lynn McDonald, Mary Lennard, Bobby & Patrick Jennings, Volunteers Needed

Sick & Shut-Ins

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| Bill Bach | Reid Baumgartner | Stephanie Benhase |
| Terrri Behringer | Mary Jo Beresford | Dottie Brinker |
| Deborah Casey | Kathy Chalfin | Barbara Cottrell |
| Diana DeRhodes | Joe Doering | Stella Evans |
| Barry Funk | Jackie Goetz | Tom Grogan |
| Krystyna Kamp | Fr. Ray Kellerman | Mary McErlane |
| Karen Morgan | Ron Rulon | Dave Russell |
| Sr. Joan Schimian | Rick Schuckman | Maureen Sullivan |
| Jane & Carl Udry | Barbara Valentine | Bob Valerius |
| Jan Weaver | | |

Friends & Family

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| Sally Bowron | Sheila Caldwell | James Doolittle |
| Bob Finn | Rick Holtz | Brian Lauer |
| Amy Leigh | Paul Lereck | George Long |
| John Mack | Doug Martin | Bob Mitchell |
| Greg Morley | David Palmer | Cathy Ramundo |
| Holly Rough | Mike Rumsey | Rhoda Rupp |
| Pam Sabo | Peg Schuckman | David Shiveley |
| Mary Ellen Spaitte | Mike Tebbe | Craig Wrober |

Please pray for those who died, especially Joe Radelet, father of Alison Zlatic.

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

Mass Intentions

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| Sunday | 9:00 am | For the People |
| Sunday | 11:00 am | Richard Baumgartner |
| Monday | 8:15 am | For those living in poverty |
| Tuesday | 8:15 am | For those who are lonely |
| Wednesday | 8:15 am | Benefactors |
| Thursday | 8:15 am | Deceased Parishioners |
| Friday | 8:15 am | Celebrant Intentions |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Stan Mabry |

CHURCH OFFERINGS March 3, 2019 Fiscal TYD

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| Regular Collection | 7,291 | 258,946 |
| School Support | 310 | 10,406 |
| Online collection | 812 | 130,998 |
| Total Offerings | 8,413 | 400,350 |
| Budget | 10,900 | 407,400 |
| Over (under) Budget | (2,487) | (7,050) |
| Caring Place | 396.00 | |

March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

Next Sunday's Outreach Collection: Matthew 25: Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor and disaster victims locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations and manufacturers, Matthew 25: Ministries provides basic necessities, nutritional supplements, educational materials, micro-enterprise supplies and disaster relief across the US and worldwide.



Before beginning his ministry, Jesus went into the desert to pray. He didn't eat or drink; he fasted and used the time to focus on his relationship with God. During the 40 days before Easter known as Lent, we too are called to focus on our relationship with God. Catholics do three things to grow closer to God during Lent: **pray, fast and give alms** to those in need. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lenten spirituality. **Rice Bowls are located in the back of church.**

Lenten Reminders: Good Friday April 19th, is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fasting, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.



NATIVITY MULCH SALE 2019...SPRING IS ALMOST HERE! Now is the time to prepare for spring. The Nativity Boosters' Mulch Sale is back in full swing again this year. This Nativity Boosters fundraiser raises money to help cover the cost of the great sports programs Nativity provides to its students. The prices remain the same as last year, \$4.75 for 2.0 cubic feet of high quality Black Platinum with **FREE** local delivery with a minimum 10 bag order – (\$5 fee of orders less than 10 bags) on Saturday, April 6th. To order: 1. **EASY** Online Ordering and Payment, please click or copy the following link to take you there: <https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/Mulch>. 2. Send and email with your order to mulchsale@athletics.nativity-cincinnati.org. 3. Call the Mulch line (**New Number**) at **513-655-7676**. Orders by email or phone made payable by check to **Nativity Boosters**. Many hands make for light work! We are in **GREAT** need of **trucks and workers** (youth and adults) to volunteer for the April 6th delivery. Contact 513-655-7676 if you are able to help or use SignUp Genius page: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0945a4aaa23a64-nativity1>.

1Faith 1Hope 1Love Update: In February 2019, Nativity received \$9,008 in disbursements as a result of Nativity families' donation to the 1Faith 1Hope 1Love Archdiocesan campaign. Nativity receives 20% of all donations made by Nativity families to this capital campaign. Disbursements received by Nativity are used to make capital improvements to the school and the church. Donations from Nativity parishioners received by the Archdiocese from January 1 through June 30, 2019 will be reflected in our next disbursement check in July 2019. So far, Nativity has received \$106,307 in total disbursements from the campaign. We thank all Nativity families who have continued to remain faithful to their pledges!

St. Ann's Society is the oldest continuous organization at Nativity. St. Ann's will be meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Attendees will be sharing their faith with this year's first communicants by writing notes of support and encouragement as the 2nd graders prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time. We will also set a calendar of St. Ann's events for the year. All women of the parish are invited! We hope you can make it. Any Questions? Contact Eileen at eleelism@gmail.com or Lin Laing at linlaing@gmail.com. *There is a group of twelve members of St. Ann's Society who weekly take care of the linens used at Mass each day. They are faithful in their service. We want to thank them for all that they do.*

VIRTUS REQUIREMENT: If you are a volunteer at Nativity and are around children, you **MUST** attend a Child Protection Workshop and be fingerprinted/background checked. This is mandated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and there are **NO EXCEPTIONS**. For information on how to register, please contact the School Office. This requirement is for **BOTH PARISH & SCHOOL** volunteers.

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Please mark your calendar now to join us on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in church. The Holy Hour will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by brief prayer and song. Most of the hour will be a time of quiet, for personal prayer, reading, meditation, contemplation and adoration. Begin a practice that can nourish your spirituality throughout the year.



Please join us at the Nativity Fish Fry every Friday from March 8th through April 12th, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

If you are interested in organizing and leading a Nativity play group for families with young children, there is a room in the Parish Center with toys from our previous play group. We met a few times each month in the Parish Center. If it was nice outside we went to the school playground (before school recess). I still plan to have a summer playgroup, but my children have aged-out of weekday play group due to their school schedule. Contact me Janet Nawroth at janetnawroth@hotmail.com or (513) 519-1532.



Julia Margaret, daughter of Matthew and Margaret Shergy was baptized here at Nativity last weekend. *Congratulations to the proud parents!*

~Please remember Nativity in your will~

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