

## This Week at Nativity

**Sunday:**

10:00 am – Mass, “Church”  
1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, “POB”

**Monday:**

No School

**Tuesday:**

No School  
Parish Offices Closed

**Wednesday:**

No School  
Parish Offices Closed  
9:00 am – New Year’s Day Mass, “Church”

**Thursday:**

No School

**Friday:**

No School

**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:** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2: 1-12

**Saturday, January 4, 2020 – 4:30 PM**

**Lectors:** Tom Millard, Mary Lennard, Ed Smith  
**Servers:** Jack Davis, Grace Albrinck, Megan Thompson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nathan Albrinck, Bitsy & Quinn Smyjunas, Rita Timoney, Helen Vollman, Volunteers Needed

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 – 10:00 AM**

**Lectors:** Patrick Jennings, Eileen Lee, Patti Newberry  
**Servers:** Ben & Joe Adkins, Colin Albers, Brendan Beluan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sister Janet, Dave Morris, Henry Faulk, Cinder Miller, Shawn & LeAnn Hostiuck, Renee Bock, Volunteers Needed

**This Sunday’s Outreach Collection** will be going to the Men’s Shelterhouse (formerly Drop Inn Center.) Every year, Shelterhouse assists thousands of individuals...some with housing, some with programs, some with that extra bit of help that will keep them from the edge and alter their whole world. While numbers both in our area and nationwide may be staggering, they illustrate the reality for many men and women.

**Next Sunday’s Outreach Collection** will be going to the Caring Place. The Caring Place was established in 1982, by a coalition of churches serving Golf Manor, Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, and Silverton. Their goal is to provide members of these communities who find themselves in need of food and clothing.

**Sick & Shut-Ins**

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

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behreng	Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle
Bob Finn	Rick Holtz	Brian Lauer
John Mack	Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell
Greg Morley	David Palmer	Cathy Ramundo
Holly Rough	Mike Rumsey	Rhoda Rupp
Randy Rupp Jr.	Mary Ellen Spaitte	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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday	10:00 am	Jonathan Torontali
Monday	8:15 am	Gene Abner
Tuesday	8:15 am	Deceased Parishioners
Wednesday	9:00 am	For Peace
Thursday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Friday	8:15 am	Prayer Service
Saturday	4:30 pm	For the People

**The collection totals for December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> will be reported in next week’s bulletin, due to early deadlines for the printing company.**

**For What Matters Most – 2020 -2021 Tuition Assistance Grants:** The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2million in tuition assistance grants for the 2020-2021 school year. Families of elementary students (K-8) may apply for needs-based assistance between now and January 31, 2020. Please visit [www.CatholicBestChoice.org](http://www.CatholicBestChoice.org) for more details and instructions on how to apply.

### The Giving Tree...Thank You

The Nativity community has responded with remarkable generosity to the Giving Tree this year. Thoughtful and needed gifts will be delivered to about 400 people who might not have received any other gifts this Christmas, including community families served by our St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Monica/St. George Food Pantry, elderly residents of the Pleasant Ridge Care Center and Marquette Manor, first-graders at Ethyl Taylor Academy, and children served by Mother of Christ Parish in Winton Place. *Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped at all stages of this process from making the tags, buying, wrapping, and delivering gifts. Each beautiful gift will send God's message of love to its recipient, and our ability to give is indeed something to be thankful for!*

**Coming back:** The traditional gathering of the members of St. Ann's Society with members of St. Vincent de Paul and a representative from the Caring Place will take place at a brunch on **Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Learning Commons.** All members of St. Ann's Society are invited, even if you don't make it to evening meetings. Transportation will be provided. A flier will be inserted in the bulletin or available on the table in the vestibule of church with further information and a RSVP form. Please plan to join us for this end-of-the-season celebration to give thanks for God's wondrous blessings, and the generosity of so many.

**Care for the Earth:** If you came to Coffee and Donuts last Sunday you would have seen that we are no longer using Styrofoam cups and plates. We are trying to do our part to end the use of consumable products that don't decompose in our landfills. Let's try to work together to care for Planet Earth.

**It is not too late...Nativity's "FEED THE NEED" Program 5<sup>th</sup> grocery certificates to benefit clients of St. Vincent de Paul will continue through January 5<sup>th</sup>.** *"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."* Matthew 25: 35. Forms are in the back of church.

**Ohio Arts Council: Nativity Hosts Swing Dance Residency in January...**Nativity School, in conjunction with Get Hep Swing of Cleveland, is participating in Ohio Arts Council's Artist in Residence Program January 13<sup>th</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>. The program will be led by professional swing dancer, Valerie Salstrom, of Get Hep Swing and her associate Tyedric Hill. The theme of the residency is "Celebrating 100 Years of Swing Dance." During the two weeks, each of the two 5<sup>th</sup> grade core group students will meet daily with the artist to study and participate in swing dance. All other students will participate in at least one class with artist.

The residency will end with a **Culminating Presentation by 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in St. Sebastian Hall.** All students, parents and members of the Nativity community are invited to attend. Corporate sponsor for the program is Best Western Plus Hannaford Inn & Suites. This program at Nativity School is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically.



2019 Nativity Annual Fund

**Make your 2019 Annual Fund donation**

**before year's end!** So far, 65 Nativity families have donated \$28,000 to our "Moving Forward Together" 2019 Annual Fund. We are off to a good start, but have a long way to go to reach our goal of raising \$100,000 to update the cafeteria with a new ceiling, lighting and wall coverings; improve campus security and fire detection; enhance the sound system in church; and add to our School Education Fund. Please consider a donation to help us make these key improvements to our campus. To donate, go to <https://nativity-cincinnati.weshareonline.org/AnnualFund> or send your check (made out to 2019 Nativity Annual Fund) to the Parish Office at 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213. *Thank you in advance for your support!*



**Please join us for Mass on Saturday and Sunday...January 4 & 5, 2020 as we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord.** The Gospel tells us that the Magi found Christ "On entering the House." The door to your home is a Holy Threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by placing an inscription above the door. Join us for Mass and receive your scroll containing instructions, along with chalk for inscribing.

**Diocesan Publications Representative** will be around for the next few weeks to renew our bulletin advertisers. If you wish to place an add on the back of the bulletin, please call Mark Mazza at 513-392-6768.

**FYI:** The Parish Offices are closed December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> and are on shorter business hours until January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Parish Office before stopping by.



~Please remember Nativity in your will~

December 29, 2019 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph