

This Week at Nativity

Sunday:

8:45-10:15 am – Catechesis, “POB”

12:30 pm – Stations of the Cross, “Church”

1:30-3:00 pm – Al-Anon, “Chapel”

Monday: President's Day

Parish & School Closed

Tuesday:**Wednesday:**

7:30-8:00 am – Centering Prayer, “Chapel”

9:15-10:30 am – Wednesday Wonderings, “Chapel”

3:00-3:30 pm – Math Counts Children, “Library”

3:30-5:00 pm – Math Counts, “Room 201”

6:00-8:00 pm – Lent Adult Formation, “POB”

7:00-8:30 pm – Cub Scout Bird Program, “Café”

7:00 pm – PTA Meeting, “Room 101”

Thursday:

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, “POB”

4:30-6:00 pm – Catechesis, “POB & POU”

7:00 pm – Choir, “Church”

Friday:

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 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8: 31b-34 Mark 9: 2-10

Saturday, February 24, 2018 – 4:30 PM**Lectors:** Linda Crawford, Mary Ann Romanello, Linda Crawford**Servers:** Ray Ravenna, Lindsay Schlake, Lauren Spencer**Eucharistic Ministers:** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sunday, February 25, 2018 – 9:00 AM****Lectors:** Suzanne Burgei, Tony Daniel, Suzanne Burgei**Servers:** Ella Nawroth, Ella Schlegel, Haley Renneker, Nicholas Simpson**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lucy Lorbach, Joe Schmidt, Darlene Casey, Liz Bellew, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sunday, February 25, 2018 – 11:00 AM****Lectors:** Patti Newberry, Bob Stewart, Patti Newberry**Servers:** Zachary End, Cecilia End, Sydney Hunt, Sophia Hunt**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Odeh, Mary Lennard, Pat Dells, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Next Weekend'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 services to members of these communities in need of food and clothing.

Sick & Shut-Ins

Bill Bach

Mary Jo Beresford

Angela Casey

Diana DeRhodes

Barry Funk

Krystyna Kamp

Mary McErlane

Monica Runyan

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Stephanie Benhase

Dottie Brinker

Barbara Cottrell

Roman Dietz

Jackie Goetz

Liam Kaufman

Fran Pielage

Bill Sandman

Jane & Carl Udry

Jan Weaver

Terri Behringer

Alberta Carter

Rachel Cronin

Joe Doering

Tom Grogan

Judy Lococo

Ron Rulon

Sr. Joan Schimian

Barbara Valentine

Friends & Family

Sheila Caldwell

Michelle Lattore

Paul Lereck

Doug Martin

Bob Mitchell

Cathy Ramundo

Suzie Rumsey

Mary Ellen Spaite

James Doolittle

Brian Lauer

George Long

Annette Mason

Kinca Moore

Bob Ross

Pam Sabo

Mike Tebbe

Bob Finn

Amy Leigh

John Mack

Rose Ann Miller

Greg Morley

Holly Rough

Peg Schuckman

Remember those who have died, especially Lothar Kreppel.**Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation and pastoral visits.****Mass Intentions**

Sunday	9:00 am	For the People
Sunday	11:00 am	Richard Baumgartner
Monday	8:15 am	Margaret Place
Tuesday	8:15 am	Eugene Lee
Wednesday	8:15 am	Edward Haake
Thursday	8:15 am	For those living in poverty
Friday	8:15 am	Claire Dierckes
Saturday	4:30 pm	Deceased Parishioners

TOTAL OFFERINGS

	February 11, 2018	Fiscal YTD
Regular Offerings	\$7,528	273,496
School Support	375	10,895
Online Collection	12,811	105,508
Total Offerings	20,714	389,899
Budget	10,800	371,400
Over (Under) Budget	9,914	18,499
Little Sisters of the Poor	449.76	

One Faith, One Hope, One Love: Thanks to the continued generosity toward the historic One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, our parish's most recent rebate came to \$11,900, bringing our total share so far to \$79,474.66. These funds have been/will be applied to the following here at our parish: New seating in the church, and renovations to the school library. More information and updates about the campaign can be found online at www.1faith1hope1love.org.

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Thank you to all who have responded generously to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal, helping our parish work toward its goal and joining with the entire archdiocese in providing a future of hope for people in need. If you have not participated yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail, additional Pledge Envelopes can be found in the back of church. *Thank you for your generous response to this very important appeal.*

Family Simple Supper: Please join us on February 27th, starting at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria for a simple supper. Bring a soup, bread or a salad to share. Everyone is welcome.

The Light Is On For You...Encounter the Peace of Christ During the Season of Lent. This Lent, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again engage in the initiative, *"The Light Is On For You."* On Tuesday, February 27 from 7:00-9:00 pm most Catholic parishes/pastoral regions will open their doors and provide the opportunity for private confession. If you have been reluctant to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, have been away from the Church for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a regularly scheduled confession time or communal penance service, this is your chance to experience the reconciling peace of Christ through the grace of the Sacrament. No stress, just peace! Learn more at www.EncounterPeace.org.



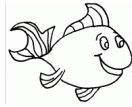
Encounter Majd: In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the

stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Did you know that CRS Rice Bowl has a web page specifically for families? Visit crsricebowl.org/families for activities that will help your family grow in our Catholic faith this Lenten season.

Deacon Informational Meetings: Have you considered becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church, but don't know where to begin to explore the possibility? The Office of the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will hold an Informational Meeting concerning the Permanent Diaconate for the Cincinnati region on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Parish, 5222 North Bend Road, 45247, in the Bolte Room.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Event: Please hold the following dates: February 21, 28, and March 7 for a special program coordinated by Paul Zlatic, entitled *"Politically Homeless: Jesus for President."* This program will provide us the opportunity to reflect on our Christian values in relation to topics that can be divisive in our American society. The program will run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm each night, and a pizza dinner and childcare will be

available. If you are interested, please RSVP to Paul Zlatic at paulzlatic@gmail.com. If you require childcare, please indicate the number and ages of children. No need to commit to all the dates, and hope to see you there!



Please join us at the Nativity Fish Fry every Friday from February 16th through March 23rd, from 5:30-7:30 pm, in the school cafeteria.



Please extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners: Mason and Kaitlyn Bishop; and Kyle and Laura Vitale, along with their son Samuel. *Welcome to Nativity!*

Lenten Reminders: FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, 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.



The calendar might say February, but SPRING IS ALMOST HERE! Mark your calendars as the Nativity Boosters' Mulch Sale delivery is set for **April 7th**. This fundraiser raises money to help cover the cost of the great sports programs Nativity provides to its students. Many hands make for light work. We are in **GREAT** need of **trucks** and **workers** to volunteer for the April 7th delivery. Please clear your calendar and sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0945a4aa23a64-nativity1>. Look for more details in future newsletters!

Care for Creation Tip: Plastic waste is a huge environmental problem, because it never really goes away. Plastic does not biodegrade. Over time plastic just breaks into smaller and smaller pieces. Because of this, every single piece of plastic ever made is still present today in one form or another. Each year reports indicate that over 100,000 marine animals and one million birds die from ingesting and choking on plastic. Plastics are also responsible for leaching harmful chemicals such as DDT into our soil and groundwater that are then consumed by humans and wildlife, causing illnesses and in some cases, death. Additionally, plastic products remit millions of tons of greenhouse gases during their production phase, accelerating climate change and polluting the local air. **You can help by using reusable bags, bottles, silverware, dishes, cleaning tools, and other products that are alternatives to plastic!**



A flyer was inserted into the bulletin last weekend entitled **"Lent at Nativity."** "The Light Is On For You" is February 27th, 7:00-9:00 pm, not March 27th.

Personnel News: As of Sunday, February 11th, Matt Spencer resigned as Music Director of the Parish. He has taken a new job in another Catholic parish closer to his home in northern Kentucky. We are grateful for the good gifts he shared with us and wish him God's blessings in the future.

~ Please remember Nativity in your will ~

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