

# *St. Dominic Parish*

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## *Christmas 2017*



**DECEMBER 24, 2017  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

7:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners  
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11:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. Intentions of Agnes Becker

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 27 – SAINT JOHN**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. Bernice Back  
8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. Alice Dodusky

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 29 – FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. Wilbur Martini  
8:15 A.M. No Mass (No School)

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 30 – SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
8:15 A.M. Ed Wissing (BR & ANN)  
After Mass: Marian Devotions and Apostolate for the Dying  
4:30 P.M. Guy Hilvert

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 31 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

7:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners  
9:30 A.M. Carolyn Hater  
11:30 A.M. Eleanor Pucci (ANN)  
7:00 P.M. No Mass

**VOTIVE LIGHTS**

Envelopes for requesting a Votive Light can be found on the Communion rail near the doors inside Church. On the front of the envelope you can designate an intention. The usual donation is \$2 to cover the cost of the candle. Candles are lit on Thursday for the week. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket on the weekend or brought to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call 471-7741, ext. 0.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death. Please call the parish emergency line. Someone will respond to your call. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

**Considering Entering the Catholic Church?**

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471-7741.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Due to the holiday season, we will have the following early deadline: information for the January 7 bulletin should be submitted by noon on Tuesday, December 26. THANK YOU.

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

The CRHP women's team is preparing to offer to parishioners the gift of a renewal weekend on March 10-11. It is a blessing to see the effects of the renewal that Jesus Christ brings about in His people. We don't have to go somewhere else for our spiritual renewal. Ongoing spiritual renewal is the reason we organized parishes in the first place. Come join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. This process is at the core of what we are about as a parish community. Take a risk and call and make a reservation to join us. Call Fr. Chris or Carole at 471-7741.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
3:00 p.m.**

**5:00 p.m. – Children's Mass  
11:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve  
(Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
NO 7:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Day**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation  
No Vigil Mass on December 31)  
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018  
6:10 a.m. Communion Service  
9:00 a.m. Mass**

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Parish Office will have reduced hours during the holiday season. Please note these times so you can plan your business accordingly.

Monday, December 25	Closed
Tuesday, December 26 through	
Friday, December 29	8:00 a.m.-noon
Monday, January 1	Closed

**Infant Baptisms**

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

**Communion for the Sick and Homebound**

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

**A WELCOMING SEASON**

During the Christmas Season, many of us welcome guests into our homes and many of us are welcomed by others. Isn't it wonderful, to again be with our families and loved ones?

As a parish, we also rejoice in welcoming family home, and welcoming visitors who may be here worshipping with their loved ones. If you are a visitor, or have been away for a while, we want you to know how happy we are that you are here. We hope you will come back often. Our community is enhanced by your presence!

Christmas has a way of awakening our longing for God and our desire to experience God in a community of believers. If you or someone you know is looking for a place to worship, or would like to experience the joy that Jesus Christ can bring, we would love to talk to you. St. Dominic Parish has an ongoing process of Christian initiation for those who have questions about the Catholic faith.

If you have questions about becoming Catholic, or you are already Catholic and have been away, or have felt disconnected from the Church, we look forward to talking with you. Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. And, again, thank you for worshipping with us at St. Dominic.

**GIVING TREE**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree Project. Due to your generosity, you have made Christmas brighter for over 600 children.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Attention, PSR Families: There will be NO CLASSES for students in Grades 1-5 on Sunday, December 24 and Sunday, December 31. Classes resume on January 7 at 10:30 a.m. Students in Grades 6-8 will not have class on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2. Classes resume Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Thanks for your support of our PSR Program. The PSR Staff wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year. Contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481, with any PSR questions.

**GOLDENAIRES**

**Christmas Décor Swap and Brown Bag Lunch** – Tuesday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m. in O'Connor Hall. You bring your items to swap and lunch, we'll provide drinks and cookies! Reserve a seat with Marie at 910-3938 by January 7.

**Lunch and Price Hill Historical Society Building Tour** – Thursday, February 1. **SAVE THE DATE!** More info in future bulletins.

**HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING**

Join us for the Holy Hour for the Dying on the last Tuesday of each month. We will meet this month on December 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Center.

**PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR THEIR INFANT'S BAPTISM**

Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2018, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481, with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on January 14.

**HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS**

The local hospitals want to support you spiritually when you are admitted into the hospital. Below are some reminders to help make this process easier.

1. Upon admission, let them know you are Catholic.
2. **Notify the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0 if you are in the hospital. (Hospitals no longer make the call.)**
3. If you are scheduled for surgery, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** you go to the hospital.
4. Ask your nurse to call a hospital chaplain to offer spiritual care, help answer questions, provide Communion and help contact your parish.

**CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS**

*"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.  
It's not wrapping presents, its being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.  
It's not getting Christmas cards out on time,  
it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.  
It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light display,  
it's displaying the light of Christ that comes from your heart.  
It's not Santa coming down the chimney,  
it's Jesus coming down from heaven  
and giving us the gift of eternal life."  
(Anonymous)*



**St. Dominic Parish**  
*Generations Growing in Faith*

Our future depends on you.  
Please remember St. Dominic in your will and estate planning.  
Our legal title is St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church.

**ST. DOMINIC NEWS**

**STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS** – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2017, please drop the green card from the back of your 2017 envelopes in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. Statements will begin to be mailed out after all postings are finished for 2017.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017** – Please remember that contributions for the 2017 tax year must be received in the Parish Office by Sunday, December 31, 2017 for them to be deductible for this tax year. We thank you for your ongoing support!

## MISCELLANEOUS

**CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM** – A family celebration of the light of the season at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, now through January 5, featuring an outdoor starlit stable scene, crèches from around the world, and a poster display of approved Marian apparitions. In addition, we plan choral concerts, a family ornament-making afternoon and a family movie night. For details, see [www.olhsc.org](http://www.olhsc.org) or call 351-9800.

**HEALING SERVICE WITH MASS** – Start the New Year by receiving and experiencing Jesus' love at the Healing Service with Mass on Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church (5222 North Bend Road). You can receive prayer for yourself or your loved ones. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information, call 471-LITE (5483) or visit [www.LRC1.org](http://www.LRC1.org).

**ELDER/SETON CABARET** – Saturday, January 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Fr. Reardon Hall, St. Williams undercroft. \$20 per person includes beer, soft drinks, chips, pretzels. Benefits IMC, building a school in Ghana Africa! Reservations to Sandy Motz, 4744 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238; 471-2042 or [slmotz@twc](mailto:slmotz@twc).

**PROJECT RACHEL DAY OF REFLECTION** – The Office for Respect Life Ministries is offering a Day of Reflection for all those who have been affected by abortion. This includes fathers, siblings, aunts/uncles, friends... The day is January 27 in the Cincinnati area from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a healing service, with an opportunity to participate in Reconciliation following witnesses and prayer. We invite you to: "Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness." For more information or registration, call the Office for Respect Life Ministries at 937-222-0227 or the Project Rachel Helpline for information at (513)784-0531. You can register at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel/>.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 30 & 31

	<b>SERVERS SCHEDULE</b>	<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains names are listed first.)</b>
<b>8:15 a.m. Saturday</b>	Mimi Vu Emma Walter			
<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Alli Shattuck Grace Wade	Sharon Ochs	Mike and Martha Queenan	Bill Inskeep, Judy Luebbe, Maruska Marcheschi, Mary Jo Reiners, Louise Shields, Matt Shields, Pat Cusick
<b>7:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Charlie Habedank	Charles Family	Amy Luken	Cookie Lamphier, Roger Witsken, Clinton Backscheider, Paul Backscheider, Grant Honnert
<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Maddie Baker Andrew Corbett	OPEN	Jennie Jacobs	Analise Kandra, Collin Kandra, Luke Kandra, Jerry Krumpelbeck, Peter Gibbs, Nancy Hendrickson, Maureen Heverin
<b>11:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Brody Hollander	Ron and Betty Fraley	Micki Priestle	Margie Walter, Otto Walter, Beth Weaver, Mara Weaver, Jenny Berndsen, Joan Buzek, Dave Tensing
<b>7:00 p.m. Sunday</b>			NO 7:00 P.M. MASS	NO 7:00 P.M. MASS



*Merry Christmas*

– St. Dominic Staff