

St. Dominic Parish

4551 DELHI PIKE
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45238



Christmas 2016

**DECEMBER 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

MONDAY – DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Dave Groh

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 27 – SAINT JOHN

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Mary Stenger

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Larry Ihle
8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

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

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. John Raterman

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 30 – THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Ed Wissing (ANN & BR)
8:15 A.M. NO MASS

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 31 – SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
8:15 A.M. JoAnn Kahle
After Mass: Marian Devotions and
Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 P.M. The Backscheider Family

**SUNDAY – JANUARY 1 – SOLEMITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

7:30 A.M. Harry Robben
9:30 A.M. George Scherer
11:30 A.M. Eleanor Pucci (ANN)
7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

**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 25 and January 1. Classes resume on January 8 at 10:30 a.m. Students in Grades 6-8 will not have class on Tuesday, December 27. Classes resume Tuesday, January 3 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We have all been amused by infants at Christmas, who get so fascinated and preoccupied by the colorful wrapping paper and ribbons and bows that they temporarily lose interest in the gift, especially if it is in a package that does not attract their attention. One of the signs of human maturity is knowing the difference between the wrapping and the gift.

For the past two months or one sixth of the year, our society has been pointing to Christmas. I saw the first Christmas ad at the end of October. There have been Christmas trees and wreaths, lights and tinsel, carols and cookies, Santa Claus and Rudolph, parties and cards, and gifts purchased. In many ways all of that is the wrapping for the best gift of all.....God's gift of self to us, in the person of Jesus, born of Mary in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger!

In the gift of Jesus, God has embraced the human race and human history. Christmas is the celebration of that embrace! And God embraces not just human life,... but my life,... and your life! God embraces not just human history in general,...but my history,... my story,... and your story! The good news is that God embraces you...God embraces me!

In the midst of all the wrappings this Christmas, don't miss the gift! May you experience God's personal embrace! May that experience bring you joy and peace during the Christmas season and throughout the New Year!

Fr. Jim

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of Calvin Smalley, who died this past week. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY
VIGIL – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
4:30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

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 26	Closed
Tuesday, December 27-	
Friday, December 30	8:00 a.m.-noon
Monday, January 2	Closed

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.

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.

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 15, 2017, 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 15.

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 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Center.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need several people to help us put Las Vegas ticket sheets in the January *TORCH*. This would be a good opportunity for a retired person, a Boy or Girl Scout, or a confirmation student to do some community service. If we get several people, it can be done in a few hours. We will need you to be available Tuesday, December 27, at 9:00. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741 or Bob Murphy at 451-5047. THANKS IN ADVANCE! (Those people who have helped in the past do not have to respond. They will receive a call asking for their help as soon as we know when the *TORCH* will be ready.)

ST. DOMINIC'S BLOOD DRIVE

St. Dominic will be hosting a Blood Drive in O'Connor Hall on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Donating blood is safe and easy. Donors must be at least 17 years old and be in general good health. In order to donate blood on January 8, you must first make an appointment by calling the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. **DONATING BLOOD – WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!**

ST. DOMINIC'S NEW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Learn More About Your Faith through Adult Education! St. Dominic Parish announces the creation of its new Adult Education Program starting on Sunday, January 8. This is an informal, discussion-oriented program that is designed to offer answers to questions you always wanted to ask. Classes will meet in the Parish Center on Sunday mornings following the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will last approximately one hour. The program will run for ten weeks and you are free to attend as many of the meetings as you wish. Classes will be led by Joe Zalot. Joe earned his Ph.D. in systematic theology/ethics and is a St. Dominic parishioner. There is no charge for the adult education program and all are welcome. Here's the schedule of the topics we will cover:

- Week 1: "Defining" the Catholic Church – it's more than just a building. The Church as one, holy (the Church is holy?), Catholic, and Apostolic
- Week 2: Structure of the Catholic Church – "What is the laity and what role does it play?" "What is a deacon, priest, bishop, archbishop, cardinal, and pope ... and what do they do?"
- Week 3: What happens when we die? – "Will I go to heaven, hell, or purgatory?"
- Week 4: "What do I believe?" (part 1) – The foundational beliefs of the Apostles Creed (we say this in church)

- Week 5: "What do I believe?" (part 2) – Heresy and how it influenced the Nicene/Constantinople Creed (what does consubstantial mean?)
- Week 6: Sacraments – "What is a sacrament and how are sacraments efficacious (what ???)?"
- Week 7: Sacrament of Baptism – "It's more than just the water ... and a party"
- Week 8: Sacrament of the Eucharist – "The bread and wine are really Jesus' body and blood?!?"
- Week 9: Sacrament of Marriage (part 1) – "What's marriage for, and why is it a lifetime commitment?"
- Week 10: Sacrament of Marriage (part 2) – "Why can't we just live together ... why is it one man and one woman?"

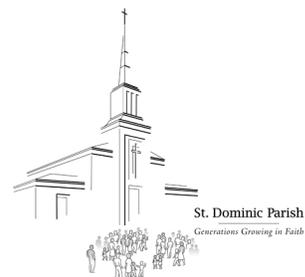
REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE VOLUNTEERING WITH CHILDREN

As a reminder, all volunteers are required to attend one **VIRTUS live training session**. You can attend this training at any location at a date/time that works best for you. Pre-registration is required. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at www.VIRTUS.org.

The second requirement for volunteers is to complete an online background check request. Payment for this is by credit card or "token" at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment. To initiate the online background check, sign in to your VIRTUS.org user account, click the "Toolbox" tab then click the selection.com background check link. Contact Theresa Eagan at teagan@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions.

ST. DOMINIC BOY SCOUT TROOP 483 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Michael Rosen and I am a member of St. Dominic's Boy Scout Troop 483. I have been diligently working on my Eagle Scout Project for the past six months. In November, a group of volunteers and I constructed an awning over the steps to the outside entrance of St. Dominic Hall. (Pedretti side of Church) I have also restored and painted the handrail and the railing surrounding the steps, and will soon add lighting for the finishing touches. I believe that my project enhances the look of the entrance as well as safety for all those who use that entrance to St. Dominic Hall. At this time, I am asking for donations to help fund this expensive yet much needed project. If you would like to contribute to the funding of this project, you can write a check to St. Dominic Church and note on it "Eagle Scout project." Please put the check in a separate envelope marked, "Eagle Scout Project" and send it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. *Any excess funds raised will be donated to St. Dominic's general fund.* **Thank you for your support!**



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 2016, please drop the green card from the back of your 2016 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 2016.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016 – Please remember that contributions for the 2016 tax year must be received in the Parish Office by Saturday, December 31, 2016, for them to be deductible for this tax year. We thank you for your ongoing support!

MISCELLANEOUS

WORLD DAY OF PEACE MASSES – JANUARY 1 – The Archdiocese will again celebrate two Masses on the Solemnity of Mary in commemoration of the World Day of Peace on New Year's Day. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will preside at the cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 a.m.; and Bishop Joseph Binzer will preside at St. Christopher Church (435 E. National Rd., Vandalia) at 11:00 a.m. The theme designated by the Holy Father for this upcoming World Day of Peace is "Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace." Join us for this much-needed opportunity to pray for life, dignity, creation and peace in our world!

DELHI SENIOR CENTER (647 Neeb Road) has a dance on the first Sunday of each month from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There is live music by Nelson. The cost is \$6 per person and includes beer, soft drinks, potato chips, pretzels and popcorn. Everyone is welcome. **The next dance is scheduled for Sunday, January 1.**

HEALING SERVICE WITH MASS – Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church (5222 North Bend Road). Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or any of your loved ones. God wants to give us far more than we can dream or imagine, so come and experience Jesus' healing power! Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information, call 471-LITE (5483). Visit our website at www.LRC1.org.

THE ART CENTER AT DUNHAM – Free Family Fun Series-Dancers from Cincinnati Ballet will provide an exciting peek into the typical day in the life of a professional dancer on January 7 at 2:00 p.m. Reservations can be made online 3 weeks prior to the event at www.sunsetplayers.org or calling 588-4988.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR CATHOLIC MEN – In God We Trust: Navigating your Family through Today's Challenges with Fr. Nathan Cromley. Sponsored by St. Ignatius of Loyola Father's Group at Ruah Woods on Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information go to www.tinyurl.com/fathersretreat.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTED – Want to make some extra money? The Girls Western Athletic Conference (GWAC) is seeking high school students to learn to become basketball officials for teams in 3rd grade. Games are held on Saturdays and Sundays in the winter beginning February 11 and ending March 26. The GWAC will provide training. Dates, and location to be determined. This is an opportunity to give back to your faith community and make a little money. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Lou Nie at nie@saintantoninus.org – reference GWAC Referee on the subject line. Or text 513-260-2979 with best contact information including your name.

ELDER CABARET BENEFITS IMC – Saturday, January 7. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; show begins at 8:00 p.m. in Fr. Reardon Hall (St. William Church, 4108 West 8th Street). \$20/person (includes beer, soft drinks, pretzels and chips). Bring your own drinks and appetizers if you wish. Performers include Elder Glee Club, Seton Vocal Ensemble, Elder/Seton Show Choir, Starlight Band and guest soloists. Call 471-2042 or email slmotz@fuse.net with questions. RSVP to Sandy Motz, 4744 Rapid Run Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238. Make checks payable to International Mission for Children. IMC is a non-profit organization that is raising funds to build a Catholic school in Ghana. The project is headed up by Fr. John Amankwah, associate pastor at St. William and St. Teresa and includes members of the Mother Seton and St. Dominic Councils of the Knights of Columbus as well as the St. Isaac Jogues Assembly. For more information about IMC, please visit www.internationalmissionforchildren.org/ or email inquiry@internationalmissionforchildren.org. Thank you for your support!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 31 & January 1

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday				
4:30 p.m. Saturday	<h1>See sign-up sheets in Priests' Sacristy</h1>			
7:30 a.m. Sunday				
9:30 a.m. Sunday				
11:30 a.m. Sunday				
7:00 p.m. Sunday				



---- Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris, Deacon Mark, Mr. Cavanaugh
and the St. Dominic Parish and School Staff