



Christmas 2019

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ON US THIS DAY:
THE LORD IS
BORN FOR US.

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**DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Mary Lou Hausman
6:45 p.m. Rosary in Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

3:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners
5:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Intentions of Tom and Ruth Ann Bittner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 – SAINT JOHN

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
7:30 a.m. Rita Klapper

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6:10 a.m. Communion Service
8:15 a.m. Bill Walton (BR)
After Mass: Marian Devotions and
Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 p.m. Eleanora Pucci (ANN)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Mary Backscheider
9:30 a.m. Mark Cliff
11:30 a.m. Tim Doran (ANN)
7:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas everyone! Let's open our hearts so that Jesus Christ may be born in us during this Christmas season! This prayer by St. John Henry Newman expresses the meaning of Christ's birth for each of us.

Dear Lord,

Help me to spread Your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You, O Lord! Stay with me and then I will begin to shine as You do; so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Lord, will be all from You; none of it will be mine. It will be you shining on others through me. Let me thus praise You in the way which You love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but by example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You. Amen.

God's blessings in the New Year!

Fr. Jim

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note the early deadline for the following bulletins: January 5 – all information must be submitted by noon on Monday, December 23.

ONLINE GIVING

Coming Soon! Online giving will soon be available here at St. Dominic, making donating simple, safe, and secure. Be sure to check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information.

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?

RCA 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 Hardeman at 871-7741.

Infant Baptisms

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 871-7741, ext. 0.

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.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC

Are you age 70 ½ and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCD's will satisfy your annual distribution requirement, (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The 2019 Pictorial Directory is in. If you had your picture taken for the Directory and have not already picked up your copy you can pick it up in the Parish Office during our regular business hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, or call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, to arrange for pick up.

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 23:	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24:	8:00 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, December 25:	Closed
Thursday, December 26-Friday, December 27:	8:00 a.m. – noon
Monday, December 30-Tuesday, December 31:	8:00 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, January 1:	Closed

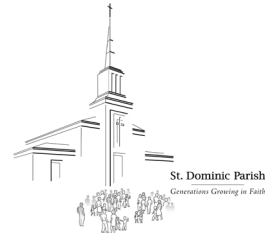
PARISH OFFICE HOURS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time of 4:00 p.m.

We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. ***St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.***

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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 one morning right after Christmas, depending upon when the final TORCH is returned to the Parish Office. 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.)



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

PTO SPLIT-THE-POT WINNER – On Friday, December 13, during the Secret Santa Shop, Santa pulled Rob Miller's ticket as the winner of the PTO Holiday Split-the-Pot. We collected tickets totaling \$1,570, which means Rob will receive a check for \$785! Thank you for supporting the PTO and the students of St. Dominic School!

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL – Prospective preschool-8th grade parents are invited to a very special evening on Thursday, January 16, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Meet the teachers, see the classroom, and be given a tour by a member of our St. Dominic Community. We look forward to meeting you!

OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK – As part of this year's celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Dominic School is inviting all parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, and the Delhi community to an Open House on Sunday, January 26, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass until 2:30 p.m.

Current preschool-8th grade students and their families can meet the staff, view the students' work, enjoy refreshments hosted by the PTO and take a self-guided tour of the building between 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. A drawing for tuition credits will also take place. Please come and share in our pride of St. Dominic School as we celebrate this year's theme, "Building a Community of Love."

Families of students in grades preschool-8th with a new incoming student will receive a guided tour of the school with a member of the St. Dominic Community starting at 12:30 p.m. outside the school office. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms as part of their tour.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2019, please drop the YELLOW card from the back of your 2019 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 2019.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019 – Please remember that contributions for the 2019 tax year must be received in the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 31, 2019 for them to be deductible for this tax year. We thank you for your ongoing support!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. If you have a high school student next year, and you have applied for assistance through FACTS, you do not have to complete the application for your St. Dominic student, as long as you have selected St. Dominic as one of your schools. **PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE SELECTED ST. DOMINIC AS ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.**

To begin the application process, go to **www.factsmgt.com**. In the upper left corner of the page, click on "Parent Log In." If you applied for assistance last year (2019-2020), your login credentials will be the same. If you are utilizing FACTS for tuition payment processing for this current school year, your login credentials are the same. Click on the link, "Apply for Financial Aid." The instructions for completing the application are relatively intuitive, however if you experience any issues, please contact FACTS at (866) 412-4637.

Awards will be granted first through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith One Hope One Love Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2020. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2020. **The deadline to apply for assistance is January 31, 2020 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2018 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages one & two from your 2018 tax return, as well as copies of any 2018 W-2s.

MISCELLANEOUS

"THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS" CRIB SCENE – Looking for something Christmassy to do with your children or grandchildren? St. Joseph Parish in North Bend is presenting an elaborate Christmas crib scene this year. "The Story of Christmas" display includes several beautiful scenes related to the birth of Christ, as well as a soundtrack that tells the story of the Nativity in word and in music. The display can be viewed before or after Masses at St. Joseph beginning Sunday, December 15 through Epiphany, January 5. The St. Joseph community invites all to come and be inspired by this depiction of the Christmas Story. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. There is no charge but there will be a box for donations. For more information, please contact the parish office at 941-3661 or visit www.stjosephnorthbend.com. Merry Christmas!

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. 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 5.** The Delhi Senior Center also has free Line Dancing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Come and have fun!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 28 & 29

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday	Nick Tallen Raegan Korb			
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Carter Sokolis Emery Charles	Amy Stevens	Mary Jo Reiners	Judy Luebbe, Martha Queenan, Mike Queenan, Louise Shields, Matt Shields, Amy Stevens, Pat Cusick
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Brandon Catanzaro Ben Railey	Joe and Lois Scherer	Amy Luken	Sabra Charles, Bobbie Honnert, Evan Honnert, Grant Honnert, Joanne Neidich
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Kendylle Lively Kaitlyn Kruessel	Luebbering Family	Carolyn Davis	Bob Murphy, Elaine Murphy, Janice Noble, Jim Noble, Jessica Remmel, Janet Rosenthal, Andrea Moeder
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Ryan Kunz Austin Tettenhorst	John and Margaret Klopp	Fred Meyer	Jan Harvey, Kayla Hess, Meg Morris, Margie Roedersheimer, Dave Tensing, Beth Weaver, Andy Harvey
7:00 p.m. Sunday			Jerry Krumpelbeck	Amy Bauer



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, 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

WEDNESDAY, 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

(Holy Day of Obligation)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.



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