

St. Dominic Parish

GENERATIONS GROWING IN FAITH.

for Over 80 Years

4551 Delhi Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

OUR MISSION

We, the family of St. Dominic Parish, come together as a Roman Catholic community by celebrating the Eucharist as the center of our faith.

- We welcome Jesus Christ into our lives and give witness to His way of life
- Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a warm, inviting, welcoming, and caring community of people, filled with Faith, Hope and Love
- In that Spirit, we provide a meaningful environment and opportunities for worship, education and service to our community

Rev. Jim Walsh, Pastor
Rev. Chris Lack, Associate Pastor
Deacon Mark Bardono, Parish Administrator
Mr. Bill Cavanaugh, Principal
Mrs. Theresa Eagan, Pastoral Associate
Mr. Jim Dickman, Music Director
Mr. Charlie DeZarn, Business Manager

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Parish Membership

New parishioners are invited to contact the Parish Office to register. We ask current members to notify us of any change of address, telephone numbers or other important, relevant information.

Masses for Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Masses for Holy Days:

See inside for Mass Schedule.

Weekday Masses:

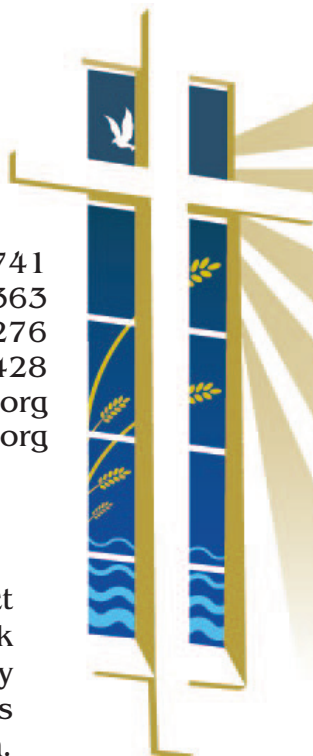
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m. followed by Marian Devotions & Apostolate for the Dying

Holy Communion Service:

Monday-Saturday: 6:10 a.m.

Publication Deadlines:

Bulletin: Due by Noon on Monday.
Monthly Report: Due by the 12th of each month.



**DECEMBER 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MONDAY – DECEMBER 17 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Tom Nastold
6:45 P.M. Rosary in Church

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 18 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Tom Kostopoulos

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 19 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. David Evans
8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 20 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Silos DelaCalzada

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 21 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Intentions of Fr. Jim Walsh
(50th Anniversary of Ordination)
8:15 A.M. NO MASS (No School)

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 22 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
8:15 A.M. Special Intention
After Mass: Marian Devotions and
Apostolate for the Dying
4:30 P.M. Marie Absher

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 23 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners
9:30 A.M. William Hilvert
11:30 A.M. World Peace
7:00 P.M. NO MASS

CORRECTION TO THE DECEMBER TORCH

In the December *Torch*, we mistakenly published that the Solemnity of Mary (January 1) is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of Mary IS a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019. Please see the Mass schedule on the last page.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the soul of Sylvia Davis, who died this past week. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

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.

BAPTISMS

Bradley Rae Mueller, daughter of Tyler Henry and Elizabeth Mueller.

Corbin Robert Zieverink, son of Daniel and Brittany Zieverink.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The readings for the past week from the prophet Isaiah look forward to the Reign of God when people will see the glory of the Lord. He gives us a beautiful image for the Reign of God when he tells us that it will be like the desert blooming with abundant flowers.

Last Sunday that prophecy was fulfilled! The Reign of God is in our midst! God is present and active in the hearts and minds and actions of the people of St. Dominic. God is glorified in our responding to God's blessings as we reach out to others through our Giving Tree project. Did you see the fruits of that response last Sunday? Did you see the glory of the Lord? Did you see the desert blooming? All the beautiful colors of the wrapped presents! Praise God, the desert bloomed again this year!

Don't miss the Reign of God! It is all around you and inside you. May your final preparations for the Feast of Christmas be peaceful and loving.

Fr. Jim

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 24: 8:00 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, December 25: Closed

Wednesday, December 26-Friday, December 28:
8:00 a.m.-noon

Monday, December 31: 8:00 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, January 1: Closed

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate all our 8th Graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, November 27. Please pray for them as they continue this journey of Faith!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

All information for the December 30 bulletin must be submitted by Wednesday, December 19. Information for the January 6 bulletin must be submitted by Monday, December 24. Thank you.

SIGN OF PEACE AND COMMUNION FROM THE CUP DURING FLU SEASON

With the flu season upon us, it would be helpful for each of us to take precautions in order to reduce the risk of passing on the flu. If you are sick, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. If you are not feeling well, but choose to participate in the Sunday liturgy, please refrain from drinking from the cup to protect others from illness. Additionally, offering the Sign of peace may be done in the form of a nod of the head and simply saying, "Peace be with you." Washing hands thoroughly before attending Mass is another very helpful precaution. It is important that children also take these same precautions.

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.)

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner is scheduled for **December 20 in O'Connor Hall, from 4:30 p.m.** until 6:30 p.m.** Hope to see everyone there!!! (**New start time)

ADVENT CONCERT

Mike Davis' Advent Concert with Scripture and Prayer
Monday, December 17
7:00 p.m. in Church
SAVE THE DATE!

**ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC**

Are you age 70 and a half 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.

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 6, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 411, with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on January 6.

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.



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Collection Week of 12/9/18 and Feast of the Immaculate Conception:	\$ 20,017
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 3,583

**Thank you for your support of our Parish.
May the Lord continue to bless you in your generosity!**

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR –

The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2019-2020 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 (2018-2019), 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 first be granted through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith One Hope One Love Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2019. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2019. **The deadline to apply for assistance is January 31, 2019 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2017 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 & 2 from your 2017 tax return, as well as copies of any 2017 W-2's.

EXCITING NEWS! – As we announced earlier, we are working on a new pictorial church directory for 2019. We will begin to schedule early in the new year for photography appointments in March and April. Look for more information in the January and February bulletins and the February *Torch* about how to schedule a photography appointment. We would also like to invite you to take candid photos of parish activities, liturgies and sacraments and email them to us for possible inclusion in our directory. Photos can be mailed to parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org.

BLACKHAWK SPIRIT SHOP CHRISTMAS SALE – The Spirit Shop will be open Sunday, December 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come visit and check out the latest spirit wear and accessories. Makes for great Christmas presents and stocking stuffers for the kids and adults alike! Any inquiries can be sent to Nick Luebbering at BlackhawkSpiritShop@gmail.com.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 22 & 23

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday	Gabrielle White			
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Nicholas Gutzwiller Charlie Baker	Matthew Shields Family	Bob Busam	Mary Jo Reiners, Louise Shields, Matt Shields, Amy Stevens, Connie Ashby, Pat Cusick, Judy Luebbe
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Andrew Rolfes Ethan Lipps	Joe and Lois Scherer	Jim Carroll	Grant Honnert, Amy Luken, Linda Meyer, Joanne Neidich, Roger Witsken
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Claire Gibbs Brayden Bass	Luebbering Family	Mike Liderbach	Nancy Wellbrock, Jennifer Bizailon, Michael Bizailon, Jan Bonomini, Mark Bruns, Lori Thai, Matthew Walter
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Margie Roedersheimer	Jennifer and Mia Schorsch	Paul Brinker	Jan Gilbert, Lisa Grady, Andy Harvey, Jan Harvey, Kayla Hess, Meg Morris, Jenny Berndsen
7:00 p.m. Sunday			NO 7:00 P.M. MASS	NO 7:00 P.M. MASS

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, 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

Tuesday, 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)

Monday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.

