



A Live Nativity

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Fr. Justin has suggested to several parishioners that OLA have a Live Nativity this Advent and we are “jumping on the bandwagon” with his idea. I have had a great deal of experience with such an event during a “prior life” in another church. This is how it worked there:

Suggested Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016 – in the pavilion

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with ½ hour showings by two casts:

(Cast I) 4:00-4:30 and 6:00-6:30

(Cast II) 5:00-5:30 and 7:00-7:30

This would allow for two showings prior to the 5:30 Mass, and two following.

Each Cast (all adults) would consist of: Mary, Joseph, the Angel, 2 Shepherds, 3 Wise Men and, if possible, two infants to play Baby Jesus (with a real-looking baby doll as back-up if one of the infants gets particularly fussy). *If children are to be added, they can be additional angels and/or shepherds, but it's hard for them to be still for a 30-minute period.*

Live animals: donkey, sheep/lamb, goat (whatever we can get)

Choir to add their voices singing carols whenever they can; music piped in during non-singing times.

One set of costumes used for both casts. A “dresser” assigned to each cast member to help them take off/put on the costume during the half-hour break between showings.

Coffee/hot chocolate and donuts could be available in the kitchen throughout, for both cast and guests.