

Church of the Nativity

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the people of Nativity Parish, commit to proclaiming Jesus' Kingdom by learning and teaching His Word, adoring His presence, and serving the needs of all people.

March 14, 2021

Sacramental Life

WEEKDAY MASSES

M-F 6:30am
Saturday 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Evening 4:15pm
Sun. Morning 6:30 & 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

M-F 7:00am
Wednesday 6:00pm
1st Sat. 7:15am
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Baptisms

By arrangement.
Pre-Baptism Program
Required. The next classes are
6:30pm on April 26 and July 19.
Please notify the office if you
plan to attend.

Weddings

Please notify parish office at
least six months in advance to
schedule wedding. Catholic
party must give evidence of
faith.



**1225 Alta Vista
Dubuque, IA 52001**



4th Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 15

6:30am Inez Glab (Anv)

Tuesday, March 16: St. Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero

6:30am Lawrence Clements

Wednesday, March 17: St. Patrick

6:30am Paul Feller (Anv); Blanche McCauley

Thursday, March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:30am Ralph Heaser

Friday, March 19: St. Joseph

6:30am Florentine Ehrlich (Anv); Darlene McDonald (Anv)

Saturday, March 20

8:00am George Banworth; Fr. Thomas McAndrew

4:15pm Paul Meloy; Robert Nemmers

Sunday, March 21: 4th Sunday in Lent

6:30am Nativity Parish

9:30am Kristi Berendes (Anv)

Parish Staff & Office Info

Pastor.....Fr. Andy Upah

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Parish Visitor.....Karen Leisen (588-1163)

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Hours.....8:30am-3:00 pm (M-Th) 8:30am-Noon (F)

Parish Website<http://www.NativityDBQ.org>

Stewardship Report

Received March 7, 2021\$29,874*

Envelopes Rec'd234*

*Includes \$10,470 and 91 env EFT

Weekly Need\$13,520

Amount Budgeted Year to Date\$486,720

Received YTD (July 1-Mar 7)\$491,087

Retire the Debt (RED Fund)\$785

Amount Needed for Loan #1781\$90,398

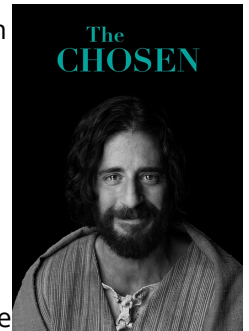
Mass Attend. (3/7): 4:15 - 145; 6:30 - 110; 9:30 - 176

From the Pastor

The crucifix on the front is from Guatemala, I will discuss it in the homily this weekend so be prepared for that.

This weekend's Gospel features a conversation with Nicodemus, a seemingly minor character in the scriptures, but someone who has really come to life for me in the last year. Around Easter last year, a new series came out called "The Chosen" and it was captivating, I couldn't wait to watch the next one. The series follows the lives of the Apostles and other characters in the Gospel, including Nicodemus, who I have

spent a lot of time thinking about since I have watched and rewatched (which is something I rarely do) the first eight episodes of Season 1. So, if you haven't seen this series already, I highly encourage you to look it up on YouTube, just type in the search "The Chosen Episode 1" and it will come right up and you can watch for free. If you can't get that to work and would like a DVD copy, please talk to me, I bought a bunch as a way to donate to the creation of Season 2 which should be released around Easter. Watching is a great way to draw closer to Jesus this Lent. - Fr Andy



March 28 AT 7PM

Kate & Aaron Burke
"The Practicals: Loving Well"

While this series is especially focused on young adults, all are welcome! Please join us!

Knights of Columbus Councils #510, #10069, #5513 and #15813 will be holding their 16th Annual Baby Shower. The Baby Shower will run from February 17 -April 4. All donations will be given to Birthright. Donations can be placed in the baby crib on display at Nativity Church. A list of requested items (diapers, newborn outfits, blankets, etc.) will be available in the crib. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Check out our website for resources and ideas for Lent!

Donations are being accepted for **Easter Altar** decorations in memory of deceased loved ones. Drop your envelope in the weekend collection or bring to the office by March 31. Suggested donation is \$10.



Parish Calendar

Monday, March 15

6:30pm Bible Study - O'Brien Room

Tuesday, March 16

6:30pm Consecration to St. Joseph Group - O'Brien Room

Wednesday, March 17

5:30pm Stations of the Cross - Church

6:00pm Family Holy Hour - Church

At the Sunday Mass

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
[All strike their breast three times]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of
Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son
Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He
descended into Hell; the third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God, the Father
almighty; from there He shall come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting. Amen.

Catholic Charities Asks You to Help - Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding? This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org

Knights of Columbus Drive Through Breakfast

Come support the KoC at St. Joseph Church Key West on Sunday March 14th from 7:45am 11:30am. Pancakes, sausage, and cinnamon rolls will be available for the low cost of a free will offering.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Readings for the 4th Sunday in Lent

Note: text in *italics* should be recited by the congregation when the responses are not sung.

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading:

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. ...

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R./ Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. ...

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 122:3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.