

# 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.

**December 25, 2022**

## 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. 7:00am  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

### **Baptisms**

By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. The next class is at  
6:30pm on February 6th.  
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 show they are a  
"Catholic in good standing."



**1225 Alta Vista  
Dubuque, IA 52001**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 26: St. Stephen, Martyr

6:30am † Louis Murphy; Owen Nugent Family

### Tuesday, December 27: St. John the Apostle

6:30am † Alvin Kilburg (Anv)

### Wednesday, December 28: Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:30am † Donna Wolfe (Anv)

### Thursday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

6:30am † Dale Krapfl (Anv)

### Friday, December 30: Feast of the Holy Family

6:30am † Howard & Mary Hendricks; † Bernard & Mary Prohaska

### Saturday, December 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00am † Louis & Betty Murphy; † Sandy Steadman

4:15pm † Marie Fangman

### Sunday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

6:30am Nativity

9:30am † Ed Fangman (Anv)

## Parish Staff & Office Info

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

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

## From the Pastor

Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate God's entrance into our world as a little baby, in order to be like us in all things but sin.

This means that we have a God that can relate to us, Jesus has experienced life as we know it because He wanted to be able to relate to us, He wanted to do this so that He could have this kind of a relationship with us. This is our ultimate gift. But like any gift that we receive, we have to unwrap it and then familiarize out self with it. God always gives us the choice, He breaks into our world but doesn't impose Himself on us. It is up to us to make that choice, daily, to choose to get to know Jesus. It is never too late, as long as we have breath in our lungs, we have time to better get to know Jesus.

Per our tradition, I am giving a great book for Christmas called "The Search" by Chris Stefanik. Along with that, we will be kicking off a Tuesday bible study at both 9:30am and 7pm focused on reviewing and discussing that book. Not only is it a good way to review the content and grow deeper in faith, but it is a good way to get to know fellow parishioners who are on the same journey. May God bless you with joy and peace this Christmas as you get to know Him in a deeper way. - Fr. Andy

**2022 Contributions** Contributions received in the office by 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 30th, 2022 OR postmarked by December 31st, 2022 will be reported on the 2022 contribution statements. Contributions received after will be recorded as 2023 contributions.

**Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT/ACH)** Did you know that you have the ability to make financial contributions automatically from your checking or savings account each month - no matter where you bank? This is a great convenience for both you and Nativity, and there are no additional fees! Getting started and making changes is simple. Contact the parish office for more details.

## Parish Calendar

**Monday, December 26 - Parish Offices Closed**

**Wednesday, December 28**

5:00pm Children's Choir - Church

6:00pm Family Holy Hour - Church

**Thursday, December 29**

6:30pm Men's Group - O'Brien Room

6:30pm Adult Choir practice - Church

**Please note that the parish office will be closed on January 2.**

**Next week's Lector Schedule:**

4:15pm: Gary Dellaert

6:30am: Tom Oglesby

9:30am: Mike and Julie Dunn

**Greeters @ 9:30am:** Ann & Andy Rettenmeier

## Stewardship Report

**There is no Stewardship Report this week due to early bulletin deadlines. Thank you!**

## In Our Parish

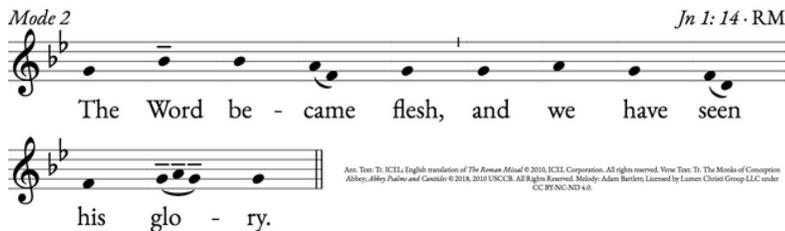
**New Faith Formation Study!** What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too. Join us as we go on a journey investigating these questions and more as we embark on **The Search!** RSVP for either Tuesday mornings at 9:30 or Tuesday evenings at 7:00 beginning Jan 3rd and ending February 21st at [nativitydbq.org/the-search](http://nativitydbq.org/the-search)

There are many **openings for Mass Intentions** for August-November 2023. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please connect with the parish office. If possible, please stop in to do these rather than call as it takes time to do this. Thanks!

## At the Sunday Mass

### Communion Antiphon

Mode 2 Jn 1: 14 · RM



The Word be - came flesh, and we have seen  
his glo - ry.

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The Power of Prayer Eucharistic Adoration Chapel next to St. Anthony's needs your help! As winter approaches, many adorers head south for the winter. **Can you help by taking a Eucharistic Holy Hour on a seasonal or permanent basis?** Subs are also needed! Please contact Melissa for more information, [contact@powerofprayerdbq.com](mailto:contact@powerofprayerdbq.com).

**2023-2024 Enrollment Holy Family Catholic Schools** Enrollment for Pre-school and Kindergarten for current HFCS families. The remaining spots will be available to new families on January 4th for Pre-K and January 30th for Kindergarten. Families interested in either of these programs or transfer for Grades 1-12 are encouraged to fill out an inquiry form at [holyfamilydbq.org/info](http://holyfamilydbq.org/info).

## In Our Community

We are looking for Catholic, college-age men and women disciples to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2023 for **Totus Tuus** leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. These are paid positions with training and most expenses provided during the summer. The application information can be found at [dbqarch.org/2023-totus-tuus-missionary-application-information](http://dbqarch.org/2023-totus-tuus-missionary-application-information).



**2023 Virtual Women's Conference**  
"Fiat! Saying Yes to God!"  
January 28, 2023 | 8am - 3pm

Please consider gathering for fellowship with other women of Dubuque at the 2023 Archdiocese of Dubuque Women's Beauty In Christ Conference on Saturday, January 28th. This is a virtual event put on by the Archdiocese of Dubuque, however Holy Spirit Parish is hosting an in-person gathering on their campus at Kriebs Hall (downstairs of Sacred Heart Church). Doors will open at 7:30am with the Conference ending at 3pm. It will cost \$26 to attend the event if you register through Holy Spirit Parish and receive a registration coupon code from them. This will include the conference, breakfast, snacks, lunch, beverages, door prizes and much more. Registration forms can be found at [holyspiritdbq.org](http://holyspiritdbq.org) or by contacting Raegan Reid at the parish office 563-583-1709 or [dbq059s2@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq059s2@dbqarch.org).