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.

July 30, 2023

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 August 7th. 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



"St. Ignatius of Loyola" by G. Seghers and J. Wildens as seen in the Vatican Museums

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30am † Gary Parker

Tuesday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Ligouri

6:30am † Toyoko "Miki" Westmark

Wednesday, August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli

6:30am † Evie Brecht; † Marilyn Engling

Thursday, August 3

6:30am † Tom Hoelscher

Friday, August 4: St. John Vianney

6:30am † Phyllis Geisler

11:15am † Alice McGhee; † Mel Berendes

Saturday, August 5: Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00am † Eldon & Ethel Vogt; Louis Smothers Family

4:15pm O'Dowd & Geisler Families

Sunday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30am Nativity

9:30am † Richard & Ann LeConte

Parish Staff & Office Info

Friday 8:30am-Noon

Parish Websitehttp://www.NativityDBQ.org

From the Pastor

We've had a lot of great Saints to celebrate recently, so I chose to highlight one of them on our cover. I like this painting because it shows Ignatius with his armor, aka his old way of life, laying on the ground, the sword formerly in his hand replaced by a Bible. This fits well with our readings this weekend, the Treasure buried in a Field and the Pearl of Great Price specifically, when Ignatius found God, he had to leave everything else behind, nothing else compares to the Truth, Beauty and Goodness contained in a relationship with God in the Catholic Church.

Speaking of laying down our former way of life, our new Archbishop elect was also a second career priest like St. Ignatius of Loyola. Archbishop Tom Zinkula was serving as a lawyer when he heard the call to the priesthood. I attended his press conference on Wednesday and it was clear how happy he was to be called back to serve in his home diocese.



As a priest that I have always looked up to, I am excited to have him as my spiritual father, and I believe he will be good for the people of the Archdiocese of Dubuque as well. He will be installed officially on October 18th. Please keep him in your prayers as he makes this transition to be the shepherd of Dubuque. - Fr. Andy

Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 30 - Thursday, August 3

6:30-8:45 pm Totus Tuus grades 7-12th - O'Brien Room

Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4

8:30am Totus Tuus grades K-6th - O'Brien Room 11:15am Totus Tuus Mass - Church - *All Are Invited*

Wednesday, August 2

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, August 3

6:00pm Volleyball - Grass near Radio Station

6:30pm Men's Group/Service Project - Church offices

Friday, August 4

11:15m First Friday Mass - Church

Stewardship Report

| Received 7/23/23 | \$10,956 |
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| Envelopes Rec'd | 112 |
| Weekly Need | \$14,400 |
| Amount Budgeted YTD | \$57,600 |
| Received YTD (Jul 1- July 23) | \$48,115 |
| Retire the Debt (RED Fund) | \$926 |
| Amount Needed for Ln# 1850 | \$12,296 |
| Social Justice\$524; India\$851; Tanzania | \$570 |
| Mass Attendance (7/23): 4:15 - 222; 6:30 - 160; | 9:30 - 265 |

In Our Parish

Knights of Columbus Councils in the Dubuque area will be conducting the Annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities August 5-6. You will see the Knights and their families at various retail locations and after area Masses handing out Tootsie Rolls and asking for donations. All donations are used specifically to benefit individuals who have Intellectual Disabilities. This event has been going on for over 40 years in the Dubuque Councils - please help the Knights by donating to this fund drive.

Save the Date! Our **Parish Festival Equivalency Dinner** will be held on September 24 at 5pm.

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

August 3 - Service

Sunday, August 6 - Mud Lake Bluegrass, 12pm-6pm Wednesday, August 16 - Worship

Visit **nativitydbq.org/faith-formation-opportunities** and check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Kim Lohberg6:30: Tim Duggan9:30: Augustine Payne

Greeters for 9:30: Cindy & Tim Leifker

Healing Corner

At Nativity each week there is an open opportunity to receive healing prayer beginning at 6pm on Wednesday, going until everyone has received prayer. A session generally takes 10-15 minutes, but if a session needs to go longer, recipients are invited to contact Serena Freisinger at the office at (563) 582-1839 or via email at S.Freisinger@dbqarch.org to schedule an appointment. In this corner of the bulletin we will relay witness stories anonymously as we receive them.

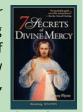
"This is a testimony on the healing power of Jesus and the result of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer! I have been battling prostate cancer since 2012. My PSA levels were excellent after surgery but after 7 years the levels started going up until this June - they started to level out because of many praying and also hands on prayer during a recent Mission at Bellevue. My doctor told me that if I continued with these numbers I probably would not have to have radiation treatments for 30 years. But being the jokester that he is, he said "Oh wait, you might not be living because of your age in 30 years". Thank you Jesus and I pray for any others who are entering into this healing process."

Faith Formation Information

Families & Ages K-12 | Registration for Family Faith Formation will be open to families with children K-12 in the public school system on August 1st. Family Faith Formation replaces the traditional CCD/Religious Education model with a beautiful opportunity to grow in faith as a family through times of learning and prayer. All children entering 2nd or 9th & 10th grade are also asked to register for either 1st Communion or Confirmation Prep. To learn more or to register please visit nativitydbq.org/family-faith-formation. Please contact Serena Freisinger at the parish office or through email: S.Freisinger@dbqarch.org with any questions.

Children Ages 3-6 | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sign Up and Registration! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 is for 3-6 year old children. Because we believe this work is so important, we will be offering three Atrium Sessions this year! Two sessions will be offered on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00AM and 4:15-5:30PM starting September 5th. Our third session will run during the Homeschool Co-Op. Registration for Nativity Parishioners will open August 1st, registration will open to non parishioners August, 8th. To register go to the parish website at nativitydbq.org/CGS. Space is limited to 8 children per session so sign up soon! For any questions please reach out to Molly Payne (MollyBrown3355@gmail.com). If you need the link for the Homeschool Co-Op contact Dani Yaklin (Dani.Yaklin@gmail.com) See bulletin insert page for more details about CGS and materials needed.

Womens Ministry | All women age 18 and older are invited to join in the Women's Faith Sharing Group with our fall book study of 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy by Vinny Flynn. Discover how everything in the Church, and in our lives, becomes more meaningful once we understand.



and embrace Divine Mercy. We meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11am beginning Aug 2. Sign up at **nativitydbq.org/womens-bible-study**. Child care will be available. For more info, contact Dana at (563) 583-8843 or CharlandFam@msn.com.

Adult Faith Formation | New 12-week Bible Study coming soon! Join Cole Cluchey for **Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline Study** beginning Tuesday, September 5th. There will be two time slots available: 9:30am and 7:00pm. Cost is \$40 per person. You can sign up online at **nativitydbq.org/2023-bible-study** or call the office.

The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation