

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.

September 10, 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 November 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**



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11

6:30am † Marion Kirmse

Tuesday, September 12: Most Holy Name of Mary

6:30am O'Dowd & Geisler Families

Wednesday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom

6:30am † Daniel Bockenstedt; † Vincent McCauley

Thursday, September 14: Exaltation of Holy Cross

6:30am † Jim David; † Helen & Eldon Streif

Friday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30am † Don, Anthony & Ruth Noel

Saturday, September 16: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00am † Susan Neuses Hrabak;

Jerry Donovan Family

4:15pm † Loretta Meyer; Audrey Nuti Family

Sunday, Sept 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am † Marjorie Bailey; † Larry Friedman

9:30am Nativity; † Alice McGhee; † Ruth Trausch

Parish Staff & Office Info

Pastor	Fr. Andy Upah dbq057@dbqarch.org
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Parish Nurse	Becky Krapfl (582-1839) dbq057s2@dbqarch.org
Phone	(563) 582-1839
Hours	Monday/Tuesday 8:30am-3:00pm Wednesday 8:30am-6:00pm Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm Friday 8:30am-Noon
Parish Website	http://www.NativityDBQ.org

From the Pastor

Archbishop Elect Zinkula has all intentions of reviving and utilizing the APC (Archdiocesan Pastoral Council). If you or someone you know would be good on that, please call the office or talk to me, we will be discussing it at the next deanery meeting. It has been interesting getting to hear the stories of Bishop Zinkula's time in India, I am looking forward to his installation Mass on Wednesday, October 18th. In case you haven't heard, Nativity will once again be hosting the installation Mass, so I've spent a lot of time over the last few weeks working on details for that and meeting with people to discuss our space. I've also been preparing for the Wahlert Tailgate and the Parish Festival Equivalency Dinner, please get your RSVP's turned in soon, we have already received quite a few. We will have a bounce house and ice cream at the dinner which will be great for the kids. In addition, with the start of school I have extra Masses there each week. In short, it has been so good to have some extra help from Fr. Francis and Fr. Nathan, and although I have still been busy, I wouldn't have it any other way! - Fr. Andy

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 10

10:30am Confirmation prep following 9:30 Mass-O'Brien Room

Tuesday, September 12

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

7:00pm Bible Timeline Study - O'Brien Room

Wednesday, September 13

9:30am Women's Book Study - O'Brien Room

6:00pm First Communion Prep - O'Brien Room

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, September 14

12:00pm 60+ Group - O'Brien Room

6:00pm Volleyball - Grass near Radio Station

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

6:30pm Men's Group - Parish offices

Stewardship Report

Received 9/3/23.....\$18,859*

Envelopes Rec'd.....200*

*Includes \$10,527 + 86 env. EFT

Weekly Need.....\$14,400

Amount Budgeted YTD.....\$144,000

Received YTD (Jul 1- Sept 3).....\$130,604

Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....\$877

Amount Needed for Ln# 1850.....\$11,296

Festival Equivalency Budget: \$35,000.....YTD: \$15,720

Mass Attendance (9/3): 4:15 - 208; 6:30 - 165; 9:30 - 242

In Our Parish

Farewell Reception: Fathers Francis and Nathan, from the Diocese of Bellary, India, are spending a month in Dubuque as guests of the Church of the Nativity, where Fr. Francis served for one year in 1997. The priests are celebrating several Masses at Nativity during this period (Aug 24 - Sep 17). There will be a farewell reception for the priests following the **9:30am Sunday Mass, September 17**. All are welcome!

Remember to RSVP by September 15 and join us for the **Parish Festival Equivalency Dinner** on **September 24 at 5pm**.

Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Bill Cullen

6:30: Monica Daly

9:30: Mike and Julie Dunn

Greeters for 9:30: Ann & Andy Rettenmeier

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

September 14 - Fraternity

September 20 - Worship

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

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.

"Coming into healing prayer I had shoulder pain, and received healing in my right shoulder. At that time I was scheduled for prostate surgery a couple of weeks after, so I also sought the Lord for a successful surgery and healing. The surgery was successful and I have tested cancer free going on two years. That seed of faith drew me back. I did not know what to expect, but my faith had grown since my previous experience. My personal testimony is being called to Reconciliation for the 4th time in my 44 years of Catholic life. As a Methodist convert I struggled with Reconciliation over the years, but the Holy Spirit pressed me to go and hand off my burdens in Reconciliation to Him. The fruit is Spiritual Healing rather than the physical touch I received last time."

Faith Formation Information

"The family that prays together stays together!"

-Fr. Patrick Peyton Families are welcome to join Family Faith Formation on the **1st Wednesday of the month** for a family meeting at **5:30pm** where parents will be provided with resources and ideas that empower them to share the Faith with their children. This is followed by quality time as a family in prayer during our Wednesday Night Adoration.

The next "Family Meeting" will be October 4.

1st Reconciliation Prep will begin with a parent meeting on **September 13 from 6-7pm** in the O'Brien Room. **Confirmation Prep** (9th & 10th grades) starts with a **parent meeting after the 9:30am Mass on September 10** in the O'Brien Room and will last until 11:45am. Please contact Serena Freisinger at the parish office or through email: S.Freisinger@dbqarch.org with any questions.

Around the Area

Do you know a couple who have been married over 70 years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples with long marriages. Every state in the U.S. will honor one couple. All nominations should be in by **September 15**. For more information, call (641) 753-6953. To nominate a couple, go to: wwme.org

That Man is You! A new session will be starting on **Saturday, September 16 at 7am** at the Cathedral Center. All men of Nativity parish are welcome to join. For more information contact Jim Sigwarth at (563) 451-5296 or Jim Unsen at (563) 556-4857 or email at junsen6901@aol.com

Sign up now!

Mary's Inn Maternity Home Denim & Lace event is on **September 21** at the Hotel Julien
RSVP by September 14 – go to marysinmaternityhome.org/events



Celebration of the Archangel St. Raphael

Come join the Cathedral & St. Patrick parishes in celebration of the Archangel St. Raphael on **Friday, September 29**.

We will gather for Mass with Bishop Pates at 7pm, followed by a social in the Cathedral Center.

Volunteer Companions Needed

Only a couple of hours a month can bring joy to one of God's special people. Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald direct the Spiritual Enrichment program at Hills & Dales Development Center. Volunteers are needed to be a friend by reading children's bible stories, assisting with art activities, coloring, and the like. Training will be provided. If interested or for more information please email Deacon Steve at:

stevekathymac@gmail.com