

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 17, 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."



Last week Fr. Francis and Fr. Nathan concelebrated Masses with Fr. Andy at Wahlert and Mazzuchelli, with Fr. Francis preaching.



**1225 Alta Vista
Dubuque, IA 52001**



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 18

6:30am Special Intention

Tuesday, September 19: St. Januarius

6:30am † Buron Glab (Anv)

Wednesday, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim

Tae-gon and Companions

6:30am † Evelyn Mootz

Thursday, September 21: St. Matthew

6:30am Betty Murphy

Friday, September 22

6:30am † Jeff & † Alice Burds

Saturday, September 23: St. Padre Pio

8:00am Fr. James Parker

4:15pm Nativity

Sunday, Sept 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am † Ed Fangman

9:30am † Polly Mason

Parish Staff & Office Info

Pastor	Fr. Andy Upah dbq057@dbqarch.org
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Evangelization/FF	Serena Freisinger dbq061s4@dbqarch.org
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

This weekend is the last that Fr. Francis and Fr. Nathan will be joining us for Masses. It has been a blessing to have them here for multiple reasons, but for me it was good to gain a new perspective on priestly ministry, just by hearing about theirs. I have shared many meals with them, and also we went on a day and a half trip to Central Iowa to connect with some of their priest friends, staying overnight on my family farm. It was the first time they had stayed on a farm while in Iowa! But during all of that time we had many great conversations and it has been much like a parish mission for me, where you hear preaching on a subject or gain a level of insight that you just didn't have previously. We are so very blessed in America, and I am really proud that we are able to support their work in India, and I'd just encourage everyone to be generous in supporting their work there. Giving back helps us to keep our wealth in proper perspective. Please join me in thanking them for their time and service here, as well as for their priestly ministry. - Fr. Andy

Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Barb Nowacki

6:30: Sherry McGinn

9:30: Samuel Timmerman; Melissa Noel

Greeters for 9:30: Dan & Kay Brune

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 17

10:30am Farewell Reception for Frs. Francis and Nathan

Tuesday, September 19

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

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

Wednesday, September 20

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

6:00pm Men's Group - Church/O'Brien Room

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, September 21

6:00pm Volleyball - Grass near Radio Station

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

Stewardship Report

Received 9/10/23.....	\$11,202
Envelopes Rec'd.....	115
Weekly Need.....	\$14,400
Amount Budgeted YTD.....	\$158,400
Received YTD (Jul 1- Sept 10).....	\$141,806
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$917
Amount Needed for Ln# 1850.....	\$11,296
Festival Equivalency Budget: \$35,000.....	YTD: \$25,265
Mass Attendance (9/10):	4:15 - 178; 6:30 - 183; 9:30 - 260

In Our Parish

Farewell Reception this Sunday!

Please join us for a farewell reception for Fr. Francis and Fr. Nathan following the **9:30am Sunday Mass, September 17. All are welcome!**



Join Cub Scouts! We meet Sunday afternoons 3 times per month in the O'Brien room or outdoors (weather permitting). For more information, contact Mike Whalen (562) 513-8541 or Felicity Valentine (563) 451-4991

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

September 20 - Worship

September 28 - Formation

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, look for instruction in the church. 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.

"Feeling the Holy Spirit within me for the first time was beyond anything I have ever experienced. The feeling of being lifted, so much peace, SO LOVED!!! I was blessed with a vision that I can't stop thinking about. I came in and asked for healing not just physically but emotionally and spiritually. Physical: My right knee shows early signs of arthritis, pain, swelling etc. It's not completely gone but it's a lot better. I could feel the difference and I know it was Him! Emotional: Many hidden emotions came to surface as I prayed. This sudden urge to bring it all to Him and cry it all out gave me such peace within. He emptied all those hurtful emotions that wouldn't allow me to open up to Him. Spiritual: Anxiety. People/crowds have made me feel very uncomfortable lately. But there's something about Priests that INTIMIDATE me!!! To a point that I avoided any interaction, even confession. Which distanced me a lot from God, from my journey. I surrendered it all!!!! I had a successful confession with such comfort, no anxiety, no sweating, no second thoughts!!!! It was the most beautiful confession I have had in a LONG time. PRAISE THE LORD!!!!"

Faith Formation Information

"The family that prays together stays together!"

-Fr. Patrick Peyton

Thank you to all the families who came to the first Family Faith Formation meeting! Please be sure to attend Adoration each Wednesday. Check for your family's yellow folder on the table in the back of the church.

The next "Family Meeting" will be October 4.

The next **1st Reconciliation Prep** will be on **September 27 from 6-7pm** in the O'Brien Room. Next **Confirmation Prep meeting will be on October 1 after the 9:30am Mass** in the O'Brien Room. Please contact Serena Freisinger at the parish office or through email: S.Freisinger@dbqarch.org with any questions.



Around the Area

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'll gather for **Mass with Bishop Pates at 7pm**, followed by a social in the Cathedral Center.



Booster Club Pickleball Tournament

The Wahlert Catholic High School Booster Club is hosting a mixed doubles pickleball tournament on **Sunday, October 1** at Veterans Memorial Park. Your \$25 per player registration will benefit Wahlert and Mazzuchelli athletics and activities programming, and there will be prizes for the top teams in both brackets. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of friendly competition and fun! Registrations due by September 29. For more information, go to: holyfamilydbq.org/booster-club

Consider making a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Enrich your lives together. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. For more information call 563-920-9419.

Upcoming 2024 dates:

April 12-14 in Epworth

September 27-29 in Dubuque

November 8-10, 2024 in Holstein

