

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.

November 26, 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 February 5, 2024.

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."



The children and teachers at the Vianney School. We are providing classrooms for mentally and physically challenged children, in the Diocese of Bellary, India.



The new building with rebar, ready to pour concrete for the floor.



Fr. Francis uses the jackhammer to break open the rebar for further construction.



**1225 Alta Vista
Dubuque, IA 52001**



The Vianney School children stand on the completed roof of level one.

Solemnity of Christ the King

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 27

6:30am † Wilbur, † Florence & † Seth Leifker

Tuesday, November 28

6:30am Brayden Bond

Wednesday, November 29

6:30am † Bill David; † Catherine Bechen (Anv)

Thursday, November 30: St. Andrew

6:30am † Robert Lange

Friday, December 1

6:30am † Howard Klauer

9:30am † Phyllis Geisler

Saturday, December 2

8:00am O'Dowd & Geisler Families

4:15pm † Sam, † Stephanie & † Bobbi Wolbers

Sunday, December 3: 1st Sunday in Advent

6:30am Nativity

9:30am † Tom Hoelscher

From the Pastor

This weekend's readings challenge us to consider how we are loving our neighbors through the Corporal Works of Mercy. King Jesus wants us to be good stewards of the gifts that He has given us. One of the tangible ways that we do that is through supporting the missionary efforts of priests in India and Tanzania. After Fr. Francis and Fr. Nathan visited, we sent them over \$120,000 which will complete some of their three main projects they had been working towards. The pictures on the front show some of the progress they have been making, and help us to be connected to our mission there. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity. What are other ways? How can I support you in fulfilling your mission? As I said in a homily a couple of weeks ago, I cannot give you my good works, I cannot share that, but I can help support you in the ways God is calling you to love your neighbor.

Next weekend we begin Advent, and with Christmas on a Monday it will be the shortest Advent we can possibly have. I will not be at the Sunday Masses due to Wahlert's Kairos, but know of my prayers as you prepare again to welcome the newborn baby Jesus into your homes and hearts this Christmas. - Fr. Andy

Parish Staff & Office Info

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| 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 |

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, November 28

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

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

Wednesday, November 29

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

5:15pm Handbell Choir Practice - Church

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, November 30

6:30pm Men's Group - Church

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

7:00pm Women's Study - O'Brien Room

Friday, December 1

9:30am First Friday Mass - Church

Stewardship Report

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| Received 11/12/23..... | \$9,501 |
| Envelopes Rec'd..... | 136 |
| Weekly Need..... | \$14,400 |
| Amount Budgeted YTD..... | \$288,000 |
| Received YTD (Jul 1- Nov 12)..... | \$249,057 |
| Retire the Debt (RED Fund)..... | \$263 |
| Amount Needed for Ln# 1867..... | \$50,000 |
| Mass Attendance (11/12): | 4:15 - 197; 6:30 - 189; 9:30 - 278 |

In Our Parish

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

December 7 - Service

December 14 - Formation

December 20 - Worship

December 28 - Social

NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities -

Check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

Giving Tree

Reminder! The Christmas Giving Tree has been set up in the main entrance to the church. Please choose a paper ornament (or two), purchase the gift, wrap it, and return it to the front of church near the baptismal font by **Friday, December 16.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Next week's Lector Schedule:

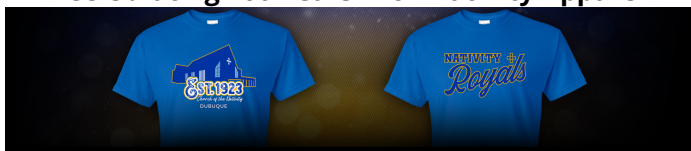
4:15: Gary Dellaert

6:30: Sherry McGinn

9:30: Samuel Timmerman; Les Blair

Greeters for 9:30: Kim Halton-Clausen;
Abbey Mason

Celebrating 100 Years with Nativity Apparel



Store closes at midnight on Sunday, Nov 26:

<https://stores.district20supply.com/churchofthenativity/shop/home>

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 instructions 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.

"I had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am dealing with anger toward 2 individuals. The priest said make sure you get prayed over, which I did. I "rested in the Spirit". Then today during my prayer at the Adoration Chapel, I was able to pray 'I willingly forgive N., and I asked God to bless N.' for each of these people. The anger is beginning to dissipate. I will continue to pray." All hail King Jesus!

Faith Formation Information

"The family that prays together stays together!"

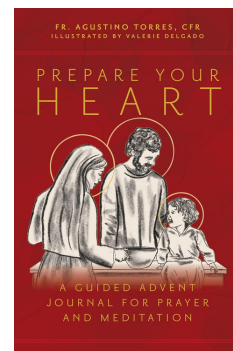
-Fr. Patrick Peyton

Faith Formation: Please be sure to attend Adoration each Wednesday. Check your family's yellow folder on the table in the back of the church for weekly resources. **Our next "Family Meeting" will be in the O'Brien Room on December 6 at 5:30pm.** Adoration with confession and prayer teams will follow.

The next **Confirmation Prep meeting will be on December 3 from 9:30am-11:45am in the O'Brien Room** and the next **1st Reconciliation Prep will be on December 13 from 6-7pm in the O'Brien Room.** Please contact Serena Freisinger at the parish office or through email: S.Freisinger@dbqarch.org with any questions.

Women's Advent Book Study

Registration is now open for the Advent Women's Book Study! This Advent, we will be journeying with Fr. Augustino Torres, CFR in his new book, Prepare Your Heart. We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11am (childcare available) beginning on November 29 and Thursday evenings at 7pm beginning on November 30. To get more details and to sign up, please go to nativitydbq.org/womens-bible-study



Around the Area

Dubuque Food Pantry donations needed

The Dubuque Food Pantry will be distributing Christmas baskets to those in need the week of December 18th. **The following food items are needed:** canned vegetables, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, soup, mac & cheese, bags of candy or cookies, hot chocolate packets, stuffing mix or gravy mix. For more information, contact the Food Pantry at 563-583-4440 or dubuquefoodpantry@yahoo.com

2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference:

Beauty in Christ Saturday, January 27, 2024

The theme of this year's virtual conference is "Reviving Our Hearts!" and will include keynote presentations by national speaker Mari Pablo and local speaker, Mary Pedersen. Now is the time to start planning to host a group at your parish or cluster! More information will be available soon at www.archwomensconference.org Contact Joanne Pohland at j.pohland@dbqarch.org for more information