

# 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 3, 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**

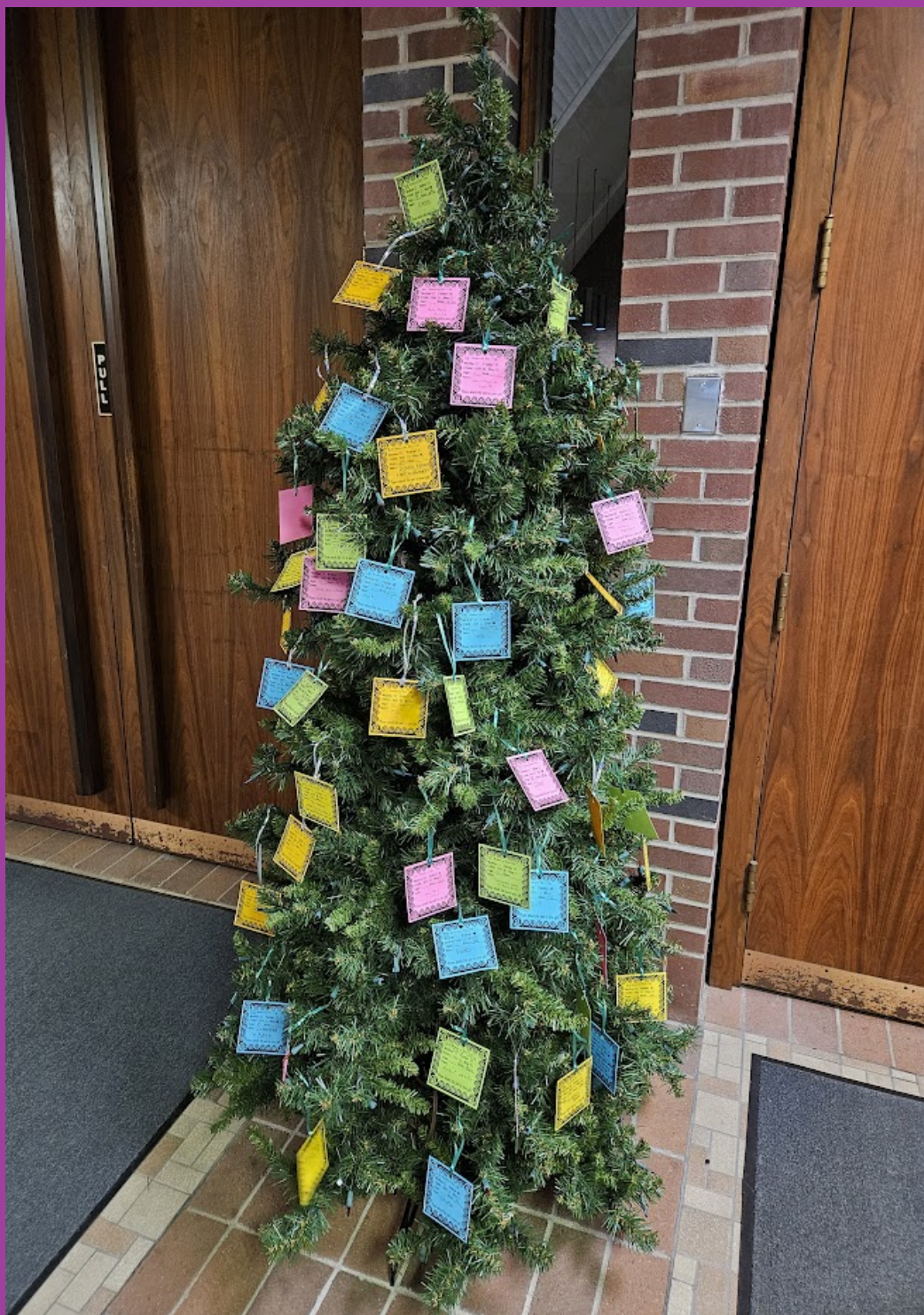
By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. The next class is at  
6:30pm on February 5, 2024.  
Please notify the office if you  
plan to attend.

### **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."



**1225 Alta Vista  
Dubuque, IA 52001**



**1st Sunday of Advent**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 4: St. John Damascene

6:30am † Aleta Nawrot

### Tuesday, December 5

6:30am † Gunnar Ant & † Karl Ball

### Wednesday, December 6: St. Nicholas

6:30am † Danielle Jackson Connell;  
† Martin Fangman (Anv)

### Thursday, December 7: St. Ambrose

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

### Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception

6:30am † Wayne Kirmse; † Kay Krapfl (Anv)  
5:15pm Nativity

### Saturday, December 9: St. Juan Diego

**Cuahtlatotzin**

8:00am † Cy Thiltgen (Anv)  
4:15pm † Michael Mootz (Anv)

### Sunday, December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

6:30am Nativity  
9:30am Louis Murphy Family; Orrin Smith Family

## Parish Staff & Office Info

<b>Pastor</b> .....	Fr. Andy Upah dbq057@dbqarch.org
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<b>Hours</b> .....	Monday/Tuesday 8:30am-3:00pm Wednesday 8:30am-6:00pm Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm Friday 8:30am-Noon
<b>Parish Website</b> .....	<a href="http://www.NativityDBQ.org">http://www.NativityDBQ.org</a>

## From the Pastor

We've had a good response to the Giving Tree, thanks for your generosity, there are still a few more tags available.

Most weekends, as I stand outside and greet people, some will ask me about the door that is "still broken." Just to clarify, the door isn't completely broken, the hinge is just really slow. That is especially problematic when it is cold or hot because we let our heat or cool air out, but I will unlock it when we have a large crowd so it doesn't act as a barrier in case of emergency. These types of footer hinges are not available 57 years later, so our best estimate at the moment to fix it is \$10,000. There are some other issues with the front of the church, as well as the potential to build an education and community center there, so, in my mind, it is better to wait and work on it all at once, rather than spend the money on a temporary fix. Always feel free to ask if you have a question like this! - Fr. Andy

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, December 3

10:30am Confirmation Prep class - O'Brien Room  
5:00pm Date Night - O'Brien Room  
6:45pm Christmas Caroling - Adoration Room

### Tuesday, December 5

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

### Wednesday, December 6

9:30am Women's Advent Book Study - O'Brien Room  
5:15pm Handbell Choir Practice - Church  
5:30pm Family Faith Formation meeting - O'Brien Room  
6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

### Thursday, December 7

12:30pm 60+ Group - O'Brien Room  
6:30pm Men's Group - Church  
6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church  
7:00pm Women's Advent Book Study - Conference Room

### Friday, December 8

5:15pm Mass for the Immaculate Conception - Church

## Stewardship Report

Received 11/19/23.....	\$7,677
Received 11/26/23.....	\$9,120
Env. Rec'd 11/19/23.....	103
Env. Rec'd 11/26/23.....	106
Weekly Need.....	\$14,400
Amount Budgeted YTD.....	\$316,800
Received YTD (Jul 1- Nov 26).....	\$265,854
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$353
Amount Needed for Ln# 1867.....	\$50,000
Social Justice.....	\$359; India.....\$713; Tanzania.....\$471
<b>Mass Attendance (11/19):</b>	<b>4:15 - 215; 6:30 - 193; 9:30 - 247</b>
<b>Mass Attendance (11/26):</b>	<b>4:15 - 199; 6:30 - 135; 9:30 - 213</b>



## In Our Parish

### Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

December 7 - Service

December 14 - Formation

December 20 - Worship

[NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities](http://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 **Sunday, December 17**.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*



### Christmas Decorations

If you would like to contribute toward this year's Christmas decorations, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Decorations' and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. Remember to clearly label your donation with your name and the memorial name(s) to be printed in the bulletin insert for Christmas.

**Deadline is Monday, December 18.**



### Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas caroling and treats in the Adoration Room **each Sunday during Advent beginning at 6:45pm!**

## 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](mailto: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 believe the love of God was overflowing to all of us who participated in the Mission. By accepting the invitation to 'Come, see', we have truly been healed! I now feel more confident in sharing my Catholic Faith."

## Faith Formation Information

**"The family that prays together stays together!"**

**-Fr. Patrick Peyton**

**Faith Formation:** All Nativity families are welcome to attend our Feast of St. Nicholas Family Movie night! We will be showing "Nicholas: The Boy Who became Santa" **in the O'Brien Room on December 6 at 5:30pm**. Adoration in the church to follow.

The next **Confirmation Prep meeting will be on January 7 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](mailto:S.Freisinger@dbqarch.org) with any questions.

### Coats for Kids Program Update

Thanks to your generous financial support and your donations of coats, the *Knights of Columbus Council 510 2023 Coats for Kids* program was a great success. Over \$4,000 had been collected, resulting in an order for 113 coats for St. Marks Youth Enrichment Center, and 115 coats for Resources Unite, along with all the many donated coats. This genuine outpouring of the Spirit will bring warmth this winter to many area youth and would not have been possible without your support!

### Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Christy Whiteman

6:30: Tim Duggan

9:30: Augustine Payne; Fred Ganter

**Greeters for 9:30:** Joyce & Jon Brachman

## Around the Area

### Night of Prayer For Life

Dubuque County Right To Life is having a Night of Prayer For Life on **Tuesday, December 12 (the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - patroness of the unborn) from 6-8pm** at St. Columbille's. The evening will include Adoration, Confession, music, Scripture reading and the recitation of the Rosary. Please join us in praying for the protection of the unborn and the mothers who are in crisis! Please come and go as you can.

### Prayer Service for Peace

The ACCW Dubuque Deanery would like to invite you to attend a Prayer Service for Peace on **Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm** in Sacred Heart Church. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope you will plan to join us.