

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 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 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**



2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11: St. Damasus I

6:30am † Elizabeth Hesselman

† Estelle Kilburg (Anv)

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30am Ann Wright

Wednesday, December 13: St. Lucy

6:30am † Cathy Riley (Anv)

Thursday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

6:30am † Loretta Meyer

Friday, December 15

6:30am † Gary Parker (Anv); † Shirley Jones (Anv)

Saturday, December 16

8:00am † Members of Heiderscheit Family

4:15pm † Bob & † Mary Coohy; † Ben Bellings

Sunday, December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent

6:30am Nativity

9:30am † Robert, † Grace & † Bob Thomas

† Charlotte Upah (Anv)

Parish Staff & Office Info

Pastor	Fr. Andy Upah dbq057@dbqarch.org
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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



Thanks for your prayers for all of the participants of Kairos last weekend, it was a great group and God manifested Himself in a very real way to us all.

Today we celebrate our 2nd Sunday in Advent. Last week we lit the prophecy candle which stands for hope, remembering the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation. During this second week of Advent we light the Bethlehem candle which symbolizes peace and preparedness, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and consider our own journey. Self-reflection is a necessary step before we turn our focus to Jesus. - Fr. Andy

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 10

6:15pm Christmas Caroling - Adoration Room

Tuesday, December 12

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

Wednesday, December 13

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

5:15pm Handbell Choir Practice - Church

6:00pm 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep - O'Brien Room

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, December 14

6:30pm Men's Group - Church

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

7:00pm Advent Women's Study - Conference Room

Stewardship Report

Received 12/3/23.....	\$12,704
Envelopes Rec'd	125
Weekly Need.....	\$14,400
Amount Budgeted YTD.....	\$331,200
Received YTD (Jul 1- Dec 3).....	\$278,558
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$463
Amount Needed for Ln# 1867.....	\$50,000
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	127.1 lbs of food donated
Mass Attendance (12/3):	4:15 - 224; 6:30 - 135; 9:30 - 236

In Our Parish

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

December 14 - Formation

December 20 - Worship

December 28 - Social

NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities -

Check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the holidays, bulletin blurb requests will need to be to the office earlier than usual to reflect early deadlines:

December 17 Bulletin - Requests by December 7

December 24 Bulletin - Requests by December 12

December 31 Bulletin - Requests by December 21

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.

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 of God's healing anonymously as we receive them.

"I have always had a lot of anxiety around doing new things publicly. In prayer during adoration, I asked God to show me why I had this intense and somewhat crippling fear in public, and I realized that I didn't feel secure or loved 'enough' to be able to do things in front of others. I feared that they might judge me, or it might seem like I did something wrong. Immediately after that I felt a profound sense of peace and a feeling that I was genuinely and immensely loved by God - so much so that I no longer felt anxious at the thought of others seeing me do something publicly."

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 January 3 at 5:30pm.** Adoration with confession and prayer teams will 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 with any questions.

*A representative from Lpi will be in the Parish office from Monday, December 11 through Thursday, December 14. **If you would like to advertise your business in our bulletin or know someone who would, please contact the parish office.***

Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Bill Cullen

6:30: Tom Kirmse

9:30: Mike and Julie Dunn

Greeters for 9:30: Ann & Andy Rettenmeier

Around the Area

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.

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. Columbkille'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!

Our Faith STO

The State of Iowa is offering 75 cents for every dollar you donate back on your Iowa taxes! For every \$1 you donate to Our Faith STO, you get 75 cents of that donation back on your Iowa taxes. Your donation helps families with qualifying financial needs attend schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. If you have questions, talk with your tax advisor, or call Steve Kane, Director of Our Faith STO at (563) 556-2580. i You can also visit www.ourfaithsto.org/donor