

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 24, 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**



4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord

6:30am † Kenny Clemen

9:30am For the people of Nativity

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen

6:30am † Helen & † Eldon Streif

Wednesday, December 27: St. John the Apostle

6:30am † Cathy O'Dowd (Anv)

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

6:30am † Richard Giese

Friday, December 29

6:30am † Donna Wolfe (Anv)

Saturday, December 30

8:00am † Sandy Steadman; † Jerry Arensdorf

4:15pm † Louis & † Betty Murphy

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family

6:30am † Dale Krapfl (Anv);

† Raphael & † Helen Delaney

9:30am For the people of Nativity

Parish Staff & Office Info

Pastor	Fr. Andy Upah dbq057@dbqarch.org
Deacon	Deacon Steve Whiteman dbq057d2@dbqarch.org
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Bookkeeper	Joan Bradley (Ext 205) dbq057bk@dbqarch.org
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Music/Choir	Mary Ann McCauley (Ext 207) dbq057s@dbqarch.org
Evangelization/FF	Serena Freisinger dbq057s4@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

In the Church of the Nativity, the stained glass on the south side of the church represents Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born, while the three windows on the north represent the Triduum, starting with the Last Supper on the right, the Crucifixion in the middle, and the Resurrection on the left. Somewhat ironically, the Christmas tree gets setup right in front of the Resurrection window. It is mostly because we have a lot of space there, but it is somewhat appropriate because without the Resurrection, the Nativity of Jesus is just the birth of a random baby. The Resurrection is what makes Jesus' birth special, because in the Resurrection our salvation was won! That means that the Nativity of Jesus Christ was the birth of our Savior, and this is why we celebrate in such grand fashion. Even our tree points our hearts and mind upwards to God. Our God humbled Himself to share in our humanity that quiet night over 2,000 years ago, so we give thanks as we celebrate the birth of our savior, the one we put our trust in still today. - Fr. Andy



Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Amen.

2023 Year End Contributions

Contributions received through the weekend of **December 31, 2023 OR postmarked by December 31, 2023** will be reported on the 2023 contribution statements. Contributions received after will be recorded as 2024 contributions.

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 25 - Parish Offices closed

Wednesday, December 27

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, December 28

6:30pm Men's Group Christmas party - 7 Hills Brewing Co.

Stewardship Report

Received 12/10/23.....	\$25,088*
Envelopes Rec'd	210*
*Includes \$10,367 + 85 env. EFT	
Weekly Need.....	\$14,400
Amount Budgeted YTD.....	\$345,600
Received YTD (Jul 1- Dec 10).....	\$303,646
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$868
Amount Needed for Ln# 1867.....	\$50,000
St Vincent de Paul Society: 245 lbs of food donated in November	
Mass Attendance (12/10): 4:15 - 199; 6:30 - 185; 9:30 - 231	

In Our Parish

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

December 28 - Social

January 4 - Formation

January 11 - Service

NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities

Check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Gary Dellaert

6:30: Tom Oglesby

9:30: Melissa Noel; Samuel Timmerman

Greeters for 9:30: Mary King; Mary Hoelscher

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:00: Monica Daly

Our Faith STO

Only a few days remain for your 75% STO Tax credit. Funds contributed in 2023 will provide tuition assistance to qualifying families attending an Archdiocese school during the 2024-2025 school year. For more information, contact Steve Kane, Our Faith STO Director at (563) 556-2580 x296 or go to OurFaithSTO.org 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 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 dbq057s4@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 been suffering with invasive nodular malignant melanoma which is the worst kind of melanoma as 20% of these types come back. I was prayed over in a small group in addition to the large group prayer. I experienced such a profound feeling of calmness after being prayed over! Surgery was scheduled for Tuesday, October 24. That day everything just worked! My surgery got moved up unexpectedly, I was so relieved, I didn't have time to worry! The surgery involved a 5 in. incision in my back and a 3 in. incision all the way down to the muscle. I will have regular check ups over the next few months but I'm so excited to share that NO CANCER CELLS WERE FOUND IN MY LYMPH NODES!!!!!"

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 9:30-11:45am in the O'Brien Room** and the next **1st Reconciliation Prep will be on January 10 from 6-7pm in the O'Brien Room.** Please contact Serena Freisinger at the parish office or through email: dbq057s4@dbqarch.org with any questions.

Around the Area



Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

The Epworth/Farley CEW community invites you to join one of their weekends: **January 12-14 (for women) and January 19-21 (for men).**

Both will be at Seton Catholic School in Farley. For more information, contact: Janet Stelken 563-590-4255 or Gerald Morrison 319-393-2869 or visit: farleyepworthcew.org

Christmas Lessons and Carols

The Cathedral's 12th annual "Lessons and Carols" continues this Christmas season! Please join us **Friday, January 5 at 7pm at the Cathedral of Saint Raphael** for an evening prayer service of "Lessons and Carols". Prelude music will begin at 6:30pm. The service of scripture readings (lessons) and responses (choir and assembly carols) will guide us through the story of salvation history from the fall of Adam and Eve to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. For more information contact Jim Mendralla, Director of Music at dbq054S1@dbqarch.org or 563-582-7646 x214

CEW 50th Anniversary Celebration- Prime Rib Dinner

Celebrate 50 years of CEW in Dubuque **Saturday, January 13 at Sacred Heart Church-Kriebs Hall.**

Social begins at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Cost is \$40 per meal but only open to the first 70 people. Purchase tickets at Sacred Heart Parish office or online at www.holyspiritdbq.org

