

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 31, 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**



The Nativity window from the original church

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1: Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:00am For the people of Nativity

Tuesday, January 2: St. Basil the Great &

St. Gregory Nazianzen

6:30am † Bobbi (Anv), Sam & Stephanie Wolbers

† Ed Fangman (Anv)

Wednesday, January 3: Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30am † Lee Andre; † Mark Johanningmeier (Anv)

Thursday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30am † Nick Erzen

Friday, January 5: St. John Neumann

6:30am † Joanna Wolbers

9:30am † Fr. Tom McAndrew

Saturday, January 6: St. Andre Bessette

8:00am † Phyllis Geisler; † Emmett Whalen

4:15pm For the people of Nativity

Sunday, January 7: Epiphany of the Lord

6:30am † Scott David

9:30am † Rick Tilton; † Al Levin

Parish Staff & Office Info

Pastor	Fr. Andy Upah dbq057@dbqarch.org
Deacon	Deacon Steve Whiteman dbq057d2@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

From the Pastor



Merry Christmas! Thanks to everyone who attended our 100 Year Anniversary Mass and Celebration Social last Saturday. It was great to be able to host Abp. Zinkula and he enjoyed being with us. Thanks to Liz Weber for making all the food (it was delicious) and Cathy Breitbach for decorating (it was beautiful), and everyone that helped! Archbishop shared a prayer with us priests and deacons that I've been praying for you: *"May you all be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child."* And may that Christmas Spirit last for you and yours all year long! - Fr. Andy

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 1: Parish offices closed

8:00am Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, January 2

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

Wednesday, January 3

5:30pm Faith Formation Family meeting - O'Brien Room

6:00pm Family Adoration and Healing Prayer - Church

Thursday, January 4

6:30pm Men's Group - O'Brien Room

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

Friday, January 5

9:30am First Friday Mass - Church

Stewardship Report

Received 12/17/23	\$16,075
Envelopes Rec'd.....	114
Weekly Need.....	\$14,400
Amount Budgeted YTD.....	\$360,000
Received YTD (Jul 1- Dec 17).....	\$319,721
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$1,118
Amount Needed for Ln# 1867.....	\$50,000
Christmas Budget: \$20,000.....	Received YTD: \$2,391
Dec 17: Social Justice.....	\$1,777; India.....\$464; Tanzania.....\$300
Mass Attendance 12/17:	4:15 - 213; 6:30 - 190; 9:30 - 250
Mass Attendance 12/24:	4:15 - 301; 6:30 - 185; 9:30 - 175
Mass Attendance 12/25:	4 - 911; 10 - 213; 6:30 - 211; 9:30 - 180

In Our Parish

Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

January 4 - Formation

January 11 - Service

January 17 - Worship

January 26 - Social

NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities -

Check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

Next week's Reader Schedule:

4:15: Christy Whiteman

6:30: Sherry McGinn

9:30: Augustine Payne; Ron Schlader

Greeters for 9:30: Cindy & Tim Leifker

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT/ACH)

Did you know that you have the ability to make financial contributions automatically from your checking or savings account each month – no matter where you bank? This is a great convenience for both you and Nativity, and there are no additional fees! Getting started and making changes is simple. Contact the parish office for more details.



"Thank you for making our "Care & Share" drive such a great success. Nativity parishioners outdid themselves!"

- Jennifer Walker

Community Solutions of Eastern Iowa

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 anonymously as we receive them.

"I was so totally moved by everything, especially when I was prayed over. I did not receive a healing during the service last night, but I believe I did this morning. I had a terrible pain and rebuked Satan. Normally that pain would gotten worse each hour. But I knew God was with me and my back pain simply went away within minutes. Praise God!!!"

"I had an awesome experience. God healed the pain in my back."

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

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 6:30 pm. 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.

NAMI Family-to-Family

NAMI is sponsoring a class for family members, significant others and friends of adults with mental health conditions. The class will be held for **8 weeks on Mondays beginning January 8 from 6-8:30pm** at NAMI Dubuque Program Center. To sign up or for more information, contact Barb at 563-590-2512 or Barb@namidubuque.org

Dubuque County Right to Life presentation

DCRTL will be presenting The Equipped for Life seminar, which provides a fresh approach to the dialogue about abortion. The seminar will help you have charitable dialogues with anyone regardless of their religious or political beliefs. We will meet at the DCRTL Office on **Tuesdays, January 9th - February 20th, from 9:45-11:15am.** Please register by January 8th, call the office at 563-556-5960 or email dcrtl@dcrtl.org.