

# 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.

**January 21, 2024**

## 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**

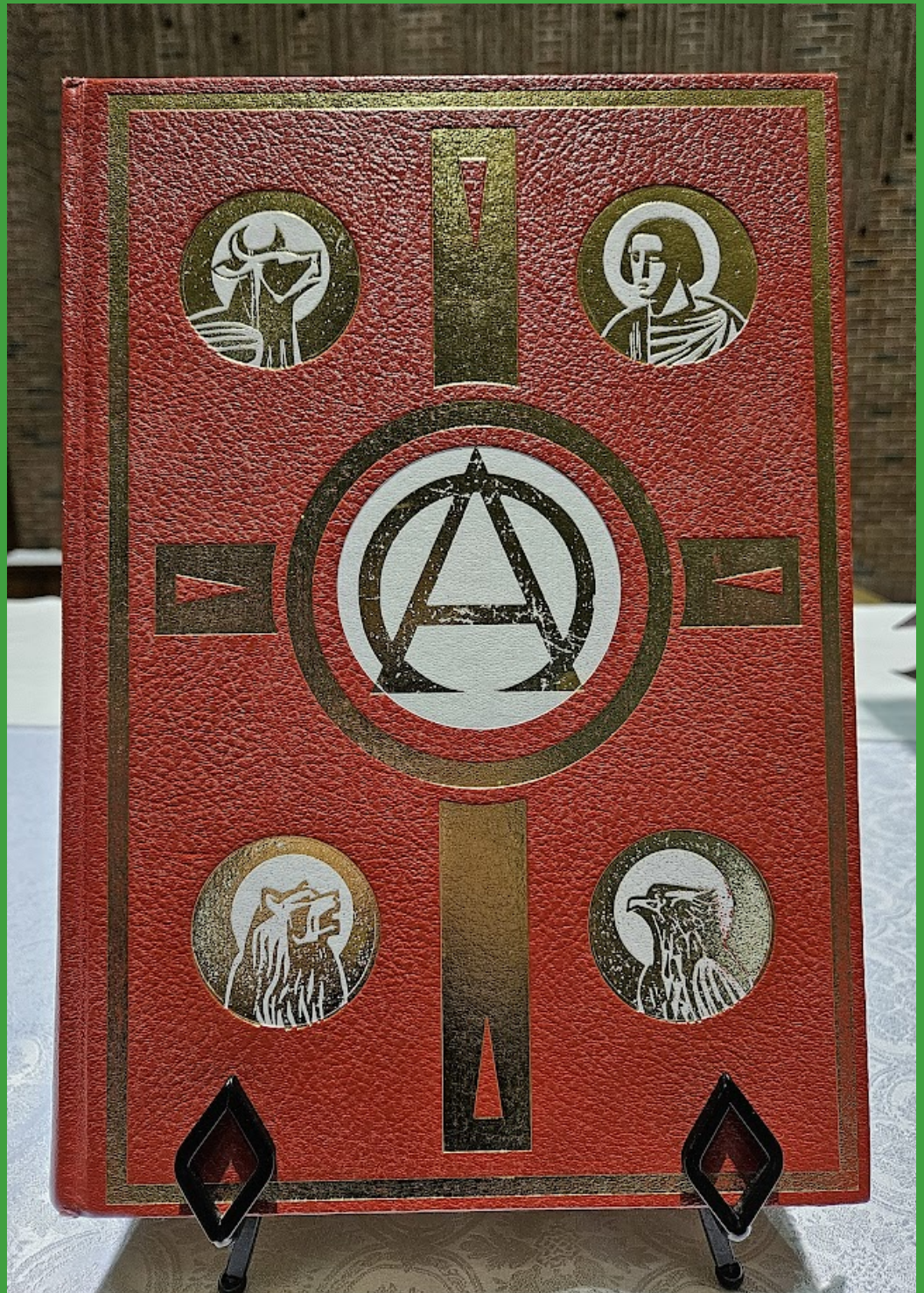
By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. The next class is at  
6:30pm on February 5, 2024.  
Please notify the office if you  
plan to attend.

### **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**



**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 22

6:30am † Elizabeth Hesselman

### Tuesday, January 23: St. Vincent

6:30am † Mary Beth McGhee

### Wednesday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales

6:30am † Callista & † Delbert Spielman

### Thursday, January 25: Conversion of St. Paul

6:30am Geisler & O'Dowd Families

### Friday, January 26: Sts. Timothy & Titus

6:30am Melissa Thompson; † Janaan Redmond

### Saturday, January 27: St. Angela Merici

8:00am † William Campell

4:15pm † Mary Kathryn Lassance (Anv)

† Tom Thilmany

### Sunday, January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am † Elizabeth Schmidt (Anv)

9:30am For the people of Nativity

## 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

Today we celebrate "Sunday of the Word of God," an annual celebration that began in 2020. The Word of God is God's written revelation of Himself to us, and is very important for us to know. It used to be that the majority of people couldn't read, but now it is the opposite, the vast majority can read, so it is important that we do make the time to read His Word and through it to get to know Him. Listening to Mass is good, but even if we went to Mass every day for the 3-Year cycle, we would only hear 14% of the Bible. Can you imagine saying you love someone and want to spend the rest of your life with them but only know 14% about them!? If you don't have a Catholic Bible, either the New American Bible or Revised Standard Version, please let me know and I can help - I want everyone to know the Word of God! - Fr. Andy

## Nativity Parish Mission

This year, 8 priests of our own Archdiocese will be leading our parish mission: "Holy Spirit, Healing Fire". The mission will be held **Sunday, February 4-Tuesday, February 6** with each night beginning at **6:00pm**. Join us for one night or all three!



## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, January 23

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

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

### Wednesday, January 24

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

6:00pm Family Adoration & Healing Prayer - Church

### Thursday, January 25

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

### Friday, January 26

6:30pm Men's Group Social - Text 563-581-4917 for details

## Stewardship Report

Received 1/7/24 (Env Rcvd.....204\*).....\$19,728\*

\*Includes \$9,917 + 83 env. EFT

Received 1/14/24 (Env Rcvd.....88).....\$7,206

Weekly Need.....\$14,400

Amount Budgeted YTD.....\$417,600

Received YTD (Jul 1- Jan 14 ).....\$381,554

Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....\$974

Amount Needed for Ln# 1867.....\$49,000

Christmas Budget: \$20,000.....Received YTD: \$25,981

**Mass Attendance 1/7: 4:15 - 233; 6:30 - 163; 9:30 - 264**

**Mass Attendance 1/14: 4:15 - 151; 6:30 - 85; 9:30 - 199**

## In Our Parish

### Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:

January 26 - Social

Stay tuned for February's events...

[NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities](http://NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities) -

Check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

### Next week's Reader Schedule:

4:15: Kim Lohberg

6:30: Tom Kirmse

9:30: Daniel Thole; Les Blair

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

### Did you know?

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Dubuque has a podcast? It's called "Dubeucharistic Revival" Check it out here: [www.dbqarch.org/dubeucharistic-podcast](http://www.dbqarch.org/dubeucharistic-podcast)

## 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](mailto:dbq057s4@dbqarch.org) to schedule an appointment. In this corner of the bulletin we will relay witness stories anonymously as we receive them.*

"I've struggled with neuropathy in my two middle toes on my right foot for probably 4-5 years. Went to see a foot doctor/surgeon who basically said this would likely be a life-long condition...In the morning when I walked down our flight of stairs to our main floor, typically it hurts tremendously, and I found I was walking on my heel to avoid the contact. This was something I'd just grown to live with, often giving thanks to the Lord when experiencing the pain ("give thanks in all things"). During the healing service, [a priest] was going through a litany of maladies folks were struggling with. When he got to [health issues] below the knee I stood up. I think he prayed over us twice and no real change. My good brother in Christ was sitting next to me. He placed his hand on my knee, and I began to experience what almost felt like pain in my right shin. But the longer I stood the more "lit up" it became - knee to my ankle. The next morning, I was sitting in my hotel room in prayer and heard the Lord say, "Look down at your foot - I've healed you." It's now four days later and I've experienced no more pain (Glory to God!)."

## 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. **In place of our February "Family Meeting" & Confirmation class, please attend at least one night of the parish mission at 6pm Sunday, February 4-Tuesday, February 6. (Confirmation, please be sure to attend Sunday night.)**

**The next 1st Reconciliation Prep will be on January 24 with a makeup class on January 31 from 6-7pm in the O'Brien Room.** Please contact Serena Freisinger at the parish office or through email: [dbq057s4@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq057s4@dbqarch.org) with any questions.



*Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Giving Tree. We served 15 families and supplied 210 gifts. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.*

*- The Social Justice Committee*

### Roses for Life Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 510 is conducting their annual Roses for Life appeal the **weekend of January 27-28**. It is scheduled near the anniversary of Roe v Wade, and they hand out simple rose lapel pins or stickers and accept donations for Birthright, in defense of the dignity of life. Please be generous in your support of Life.

## Around the Area

### Priesthood Discernment Dinner

There will be a Priesthood Discernment Dinner on **Wednesday, February 7 from 5:00-8:30pm at St. Columbkille**. Consider inviting men, high school sophomores and older, to consider a vocation from Jesus as a Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Please RSVP to Julie Feldhake, at [dbqcvosec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqcvosec@dbqarch.org) by Monday, February 5

### Holy Spirit CEW Weekend

The **2024 women's weekend will be held March 1-3**, and the **2024 men's weekend will be held March 8-10**. Both are held from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, at the **Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque**. For more information contact Tina Flaherty at 563-210-3079 or Jeff Schmidt at 563-543-3536. You can register online at [www.holyspiritdbq.org/CEW2024](http://www.holyspiritdbq.org/CEW2024)