

# 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 28, 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**



"The Divine Physician"

**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 29

6:30am Special intention of thanksgiving

### Tuesday, January 30

6:30am † Helen & † Eldon Streif

### Wednesday, January 31: St. John Bosco

6:30am † Timothy Hoffman (Anv)

### Thursday, February 1

6:30am † Howard Klauer (Anv)

### Friday, February 2: Presentation of the Lord

6:30am † Jutt & † Kay Johanningmeier

9:30am † Clarence Bruess

### Saturday, February 3: St. Blaise

8:00am † Ruth Trausch; Banworth Family

4:15pm For the people of Nativity

### Sunday, February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am † Allen (Anv) & † Nancy Gourley

9:30am † Ronald Hoffman (Anv); † Tony Boland

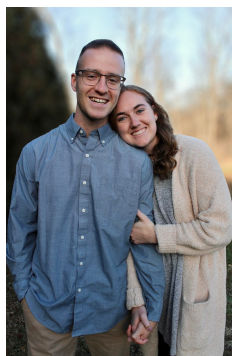
## Parish Staff & Office Info

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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

The new icon of Jesus as "The Divine Physician" is up now in anticipation of our parish mission - make plans to attend!

I'm excited to share that last week Anna Followwill joined our staff, helping us with Evangelization especially in the area of Communications. I asked her to share a bit about herself below but be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to the parish when you see her around! - Fr. Andy



Hello! As Fr. Andy said, I'm Anna Followwill and I am thrilled to be starting with this amazing Parish. I grew up in Dubuque, graduating from Wahlert in 2018. I then moved to Cedar Falls to attend UNI, where I received my Bachelor's in Marketing & Human Resources. There, I was active at St. Stephen the Witness and met my husband, Ean. We got married this past May and moved back to Dubuque shortly after.

In my free time, I love being active (pickleball, hiking, biking, volleyball), baking, playing games, and spending time with my family and friends. I am eager to start working at Nativity, meet all of you, and grow in faith and friendship along the way. I would love to get to know you, so please reach out or stop by my office to say hello!

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, January 28

5:00pm Date Night - O'Brien Room

### Tuesday, January 30

9:30am Bible Timeline Study - Conference Room

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

### Wednesday, January 31

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

6:00pm Family Adoration & Healing Prayer - Church

### Thursday, February 1

6:30pm Men's Group - Church offices

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

### Friday, February 2

9:30am First Friday Mass - Church

## Stewardship Report

Received 1/21/24 .....	\$10,179
Envelopes received.....	92
Weekly Need.....	\$14,400
Amount Budgeted YTD.....	\$432,000
Received YTD (Jul 1- Jan 21 ).....	\$391,733
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$1,094
Amount Needed for Ln# 1867.....	\$49,000
Christmas Budget: \$20,000.....	Received YTD: \$26,121
<b>Mass Attendance 1/21: 4:15 - 177; 6:30 - 115; 9:30 - 220</b>	



## In Our Parish

**Upcoming Men's Group Schedule:**  
Stay tuned for February's events...

[NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities](https://NativityDBQ.org/faith-formation-opportunities) -  
Check the Men's Ministry tab for more information

### Men's Lenten Retreat

A Lenten retreat is being held at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta from **Friday night, February 23 - Sunday morning February 25**. Please consider signing up by calling the parish office or contact Deacon Steve at 563-564-1530 for details. Staying overnight at the Abbey is optional.



### Next week's Lector Schedule:

4:15: Gary Dellaert

6:30: Sherry McGinn

9:30: Fred Ganter; Julie Dunn

**Greeters for 9:30:** Betty Arnzen; Rose Schreiber

### Our 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** beginning at **6:00pm**.

## 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 went through a very difficult ordeal in my life recently, one of those trials which I can honestly say hit me the hardest and I found myself at the rock bottom...God in His infinite love for me met me in my darkest moment, held my hand and told me I am His. During my lowest moment God saved me and redeemed me that after that I had a renewed hunger for the Word...I was invited to attend the "Healing Fire" mission and the very first night I attended, God met me again and fulfilled the desire He put in my heart through the Baptism in the Spirit. As I was opening my hands, saying the words, Come Holy Spirit, I surrender, I felt Jesus holding my hand baptizing me with the Holy Spirit. Truly God is indeed faithful and I am so grateful to have attended the three-night mission. It was such a cleansing, purifying and healing experience. Praise be 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 have 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.

### Roses for Life Drive



The Knights of Columbus Council 510 is conducting their annual Roses for Life appeal **this weekend**. Knights will 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

### 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)

### Save the Date!

You're invited to the 28th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids!** For those unable to attend in-person, the conference will also be livestreamed. The keynote speaker will be John Edwards, who is the founder and director of Pew Ministries. For more information and registration, please visit [www.archmensconference.org](http://www.archmensconference.org)

### Did you know?

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Dubuque has a podcast? It's called **"Dubeucharistic Revival"** and Fr. Andy was a featured guest on the last episode. Check it out here: [www.dbqarch.org/dubeucharistic-podcast](http://www.dbqarch.org/dubeucharistic-podcast)