

Notre Dame Parish

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St. Agnes Oratory, Plymouth Rock and St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord;*

*my spirit rejoices
in God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47



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Monday through Friday

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Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism Please contact the parish office to register for the required Baptism class, to schedule a Baptism or for more information. Next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **Feb. 12, 2024.**

7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Contact the parish office to schedule an appointment to celebrate this Sacrament of God's forgiveness.

Marriage Contact the parish office at least six months before intended wedding date.

January 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

In many parts of the Christian world the epiphany feast is a more important feast than Christmas. This is due, in great part, to the notion that Epiphany celebrates the newborn Jesus as made manifest "to the nations." It is the desire of God that the Savior born of Mary be for all the world, not just for the Jews.

The visit of the Magi to Bethlehem is the symbolic utterance that the Good News of Jesus' birth is good news for every human who ever lives. God's saving will is for all people.

And the really good news for all is that this newborn king has not come to dominate others; not come to lord it over the weak in favor of the strong. No, just the opposite is true. This newborn king fulfills what the psalmist speaks of today: He is one who rescues the poor and afflicted; one who has pity for the lowly and poor. He is a king like no other— before or since.

Next week's readings:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

Monday, Jan. 8— No Mass. Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Jan. 9—Mass

5:15 p.m. +Joe and Peggy Rouchka

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Jan. 10—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Sheri Conlan

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Thursday, Jan. 11—Mass

9:00 a.m. +Rusty and Dorothy Barnes

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Friday, Jan. 12—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Leonard and Viola Ferrie

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, Jan. 13—Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Monica Newman

EMHCs: Alanda Meyer, Jim and Anne Ott

Lector: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Sam Meyer

Music: Teen Choir, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Joe and Lynn Rose

Hosts: Jim and Anne Ott

Ushers: Joey Reinhart, Joe and Lynn Rose, Jim Murphy

Sacristan: Karen Hyke and Joey Reinhart

Sunday, Jan. 14—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Dalton Hemesath

EMHCs: Barb Martinek, Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Lector: Roger Kleve, Emily Dohlman Govern

Servers: Cali Schwickerath, Raelynn Fortney

Music: LuAnn McCormick, Polly Jones

Greeters: Mae Davis, Sheila Grabau

Hosts: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Ushers: Marvin Lensing, Richard Neubauer, Tony Roberts,
Cody Kerian

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. +Tom Kleve

EMHCs: Sheila Slifka, Gary and Janel Langreck

Lector: Gary Langreck, Kayla Head

Servers: Eleanor Ellingson, Braelyn McCarville

Music: Joe Wacha, Polly Jones

Greeters: Jolene Trachta, Kathy McCarville

Hosts: Kathy McCarville Family

Ushers: Kathy McCarville, Richard McConnell,
Matt Daley Family

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him
homage.*

Bible Study will not be held from Dec. 20 through February.
Please watch for further announcements.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m.
on KCZQ 102.3 FM. Sponsors are welcome to support this
broadcast. Cost is \$30.00 per broadcast. If you are interested
in contributing towards this Radio Rosary, please contact Mary
Gansen, 563 547-5495 or the parish office, 563 547-3565.
Thank you!

In Honor/Memory

Tony Tremmel Sanctuary Candle

Tom Kleve Altar Bread

Fr. Jacob Rouse Missalettes (Jan.)

Stewardship of Prayer

*Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following
and those listed in the Book of Petitions.*

Parker Byrnes	Dianne Kovarik
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Ann Burgess	Frances Kovarik Langham
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Janice Ries	Shelly McAllister
Stu Gordon	Ethan Pepera
Lisa Peter	Colleen Voves
Ellie Lorenzo	Leona Herold
Deb Wilkins	Dick Franks
Connie Frana	Marinus Mlady
Lonnie Dishinger	Bill Rink
Audrey Grinhaus	Ken Hruska
Luther Govern	Jeff Henderson
Matt Duerre	

*We are pleased to pray for the sick, if you would like to
add a name, please call the parish office after receiving permis-
sion from the person to have their name published; however, to
preserve space if a person has recovered and can be removed
from the prayer list, also please contact the parish office.*

Ministry of Prayer Network: *If you would like to serve
on this Prayer Network, please email the office at:
DBQ047S1@dbqarch.org. When a request is received, you will
receive an email asking for your prayers for the immediate need.
If you have an urgent need for prayer, call the office at 563 547-
3565 to activate the prayer network.*

Stewardship of Offering

December 31, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,048.00
Christmas Contributions:	\$ 1,525.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 5,127.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 738.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 486.00

*The three wise men who came from the East to pay
homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts
have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn
Savior?*

Card Party If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Family Ministry Committee will meet on Tues., Jan. 9, 5:00 p.m.

Finance Council will meet on Tues., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Save the Date! St. Peter Circle is serving a Chicken Noodle Soup and Rolicky Supper together with maid rites, chips, desserts, pies and beverages on Sat., Jan. 20, 4:30—6:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Church Hall. Carryouts Available.

Reverse Collection will be held on next weekend, Jan. 13-14. Take a tag, buy the item and return it for the local food pantry. Donations are welcome all year. Thank you!

Scrip Program (includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Sue-Z-Q, Atomic Pizza and Kwik Star.) Cards available at the parish office and at church Feb. 3-4.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Sun., Jan. 7, 11:00 a.m. Your help will be appreciated.

Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Wed., Jan. 31, 10:00 a.m. at Notre Dame with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula concelebrating. Everyone is welcome!

2024 Lasagna Supper and Online Auction Auction dates Jan. 18 to Jan. 25 with soft close at 6:00 p.m.. Drive through lasagna supper and auction pick up: Friday, Jan. 26, 4:30—6:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale in the parish office for \$12/meal on Jan. 12.

Finding Light, Hope & Healing "Finding Light, Hope, and Healing" is our new parish ministry that is open to all who are newly separated and divorced, those still struggling with issues many years later, and children of divorced/separated parents. Trained parish ministers are ready to walk with you on an individual basis by providing a listening ear, helpful resources and guidance. For more information, contact Melanie Vobr at the Parish Office by calling 563-547-3565 or emailing m.vobr@dbqarch.org.

Take a fresh look at your Marriage. Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. For more information call 563-920-9419. **Upcoming dates:** April 12-14, 2024 in Epworth; September 27-29, 2024 in Dubuque; and Nov. 8-10, 2024 in Holstein.

Volunteer with Catholic Charities - You can make a difference! Catholic Charities is looking for enthusiastic, service-oriented, and dedicated individuals to join our team as volunteers. We are seeking mentors and support group members to help clients through their journey out of poverty. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Daniel Shafer (Waterloo/Mason City), at d.shafer@dbqarch.org or 319-272-2080 or Karen Hoeger (Dubuque) at k.hoeger@dbqarch.org or 563-588-0558

Thank You

We are grateful for all the volunteers who offer their time and talent as good stewards for the betterment of the parish. This week we thank all the musicians.

We welcome Dustin and Stephanie Horne; Devin and Miranda Bruening; Samuel and Kiersta Fotiadis; Jaclyn Jirak; and Stephen and Monica Ortner who joined Notre Dame in December. If you are new to the area or have graduated from high school and have not yet joined a parish, contact the parish office to join Notre Dame.

2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference: *Beauty in Christ: Reviving Our Hearts* Jesus desires to Revive your Heart! Register now for the 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Notre Dame! Join hundreds of women from across the Archdiocese attending virtually or at a parish near you to revive your heart in Jesus! Speakers Mari Pablo and Mary Pedersen will share the ways their hearts have been revived through the Real Presence of Jesus. Get ready for revival and register now! For more information and to register: <https://notredamecresco.com/womens-conference>

Save the Date for the 2024 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference! You're invited to the 28th Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference. *Notre Dame will be a Virtual Host Site on Sat., March 16 from 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. \$20/person. Join us in the parish hall for all or part of the day. If you are unable to attend in person for all/any of the day but still want access to the recording/livestream, register and receive log-in information.* The keynote speaker will be **John Edwards**, who is the founder and director of Pew Ministries, a Catholic apostolate with the mission of bringing the person of Jesus Christ to the person in the pew. John is also the host of the popular "Just A Guy in the Pew" Podcast (www.justaguyinthepew.com). For more information on the presentation at Notre Dame, contact Melanie Vobr at 563 547-3565 or m.vobr@dbqarch.org

Rosary Program - Our Lady (Notre Dame) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. The rosary is so powerful, and carries with it so many graces. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed on any piece of paper and drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. Rosaries, along with instructions on how to pray the rosary, and tally slips can be found in the News and Literature stand in the church entry. **Rosaries prayed in December: 936.** *Notre Dame, pray for us!*

Epiphany. . .

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ. The word "epiphany" (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. . . Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.



January Youth Group Sessions

Join us for our January Youth Group Sessions for an evening of games, food, and fellowship. This is NOT a class session, and participants do not need to be parishioners to attend!

High School Session (all students in grades 9-12)
Monday, January 15th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Middle School Session (all students in grades 6-8)
Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Pizza provided at both sessions!!

Contact Brian McGee for more information at
b.mcgee@dbqarch.org

The following list contains the names and addresses of retired priests who would love to hear from you.

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