

# 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.**

**November 25, 2018**

## Sacramental Life

### WEEKDAY MASSES

M-F..... 6:30am  
Saturday ..... 8:00 am

### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Evening . 4:15 pm  
Sun. Morning 6:30 am  
9:30 am

### CONFESSIONS

M-F..... 7:00 am  
1st Sat. .... 7:15 am  
Saturday ..... 3:00—  
3:45 pm

### BAPTISMS

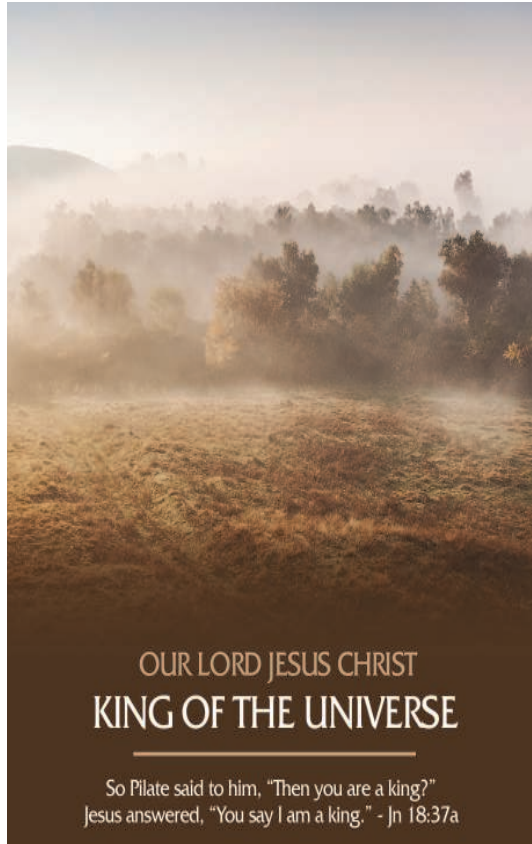
By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. November  
26, 2018 and January  
14, 2019. Classes are  
held at 6:30pm.

### WEDDINGS

Please notify parish  
office at least six  
months in advance to  
schedule wedding.  
*Catholic party must  
give evidence of faith*

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Communal anointing**  
celebrated twice a  
year during Mass. The  
next anointing will be  
April 27 & 28th. Indi-  
vidual anointing by  
request.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"  
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

## Parish Staff

**Pastor** ..... Msgr. James Miller (Ext. 202)  
DBQ057@dbqarch.org  
**Deacon**..... Deacon Steve Whiteman  
DBQ057D2@dbqarch.org  
**Bookkeeper**..... Joan Bradley (Ex. 205)  
DBQ057bk@dbqarch.org  
**Secretary**..... Helen Kilburg  
DBQ057sec@dbqarch.org  
**Director: Music/Choir**... Mary Ann McCauley (Ex. 207)  
DBQ057S@dbqarch.org  
**Parish Visitor**..... Karen Leisen (588-1163)  
**Parish Nurse**..... Becky Krapfl (582-1839)  
**Bereavement Ministry**.... Sharon Feller (580-7211)  
**Maintenance**..... Tom & Judy Guler, Ralf Schreyer

## Office Information

**Office Phone (563) 582-1839**  
**FAX**..... (563) 582-1830  
**O'Brien Room**..... (563) 588-0020  
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**Parish E-mail**..... DBQ057sec@dbqarch.org

## Parish Leadership

### Directors

Greg McGinn ..... 582-1839  
Perry Mason ..... 556-3964

### Pastoral Council

Perry Mason ..... 556-3964

### Education/Faith Formation Commission

Terry Shaffer ..... 580-8665  
Stephanie: St Anthony Parish.... 582-0377

### Finance Council

Greg McGinn ..... 582-1839

### Liturgy Committee

Mary Beth Ferring ..... 557-7125

### Parish Life

Kim Halton-Clausen ..... 590-0071

### Social Justice

Dave Leary ..... 581-5795

### Stewardship

Jim Unsen ..... 556-4857

**Cantors/Choir/Music**..... 582-1839

### CEW

Darlene Connolly ..... 556-7451

### Eucharistic Ministers

Parish Office ..... 582-1839

### Holy Family Catholic Schools

Main Office ..... 582-5456

### Holy Family School Board

Brian Sullivan ..... 582-1416

### Lectors

Sandy Hanley ..... 583-4748

### Prayer Chain

Kay Brune ..... 557-1839

### Rosary Society

Liz Weber ..... 582-7406

### Cub Scouts

Mike Whalen ..... 583-6791

### St. Vincent de Paul

Bernard "Barney" Boland ..... 556-1368

### That Man Is You

Jim Unsen ..... 556-4857

### Ushers

Perry Mason ..... 556-3964

### Vocations

..... 582-1839

### We Care Committee

Sheila Chambers ..... 583-3667

### 60+ Group

Suzanne & Tom Riedl ..... 582-5733

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday November 26**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4  
6:30am Ruth Ann Herbst

**Tuesday November 27**

Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11  
6:30am George Daly Family

**Wednesday November 28**

Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19  
6:30am Francis Sadler

**Thursday November 29**

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 /Lk 21:20-28  
6:30am Nan Pape (Anv)

**Friday November 30**

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22  
6:30am Allen Herbst  
4:00pm Hulslander/Willems Wedding

**Saturday December 1 St. Andrew, Apostle**

Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab /Lk 21:34-36  
8:00am Bill, Florence & Seth Leifker  
4:15pm Gunnar Ant (Anv)

**Sunday December 2 First Sunday in Advent**

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
6:30am Nativity Parish  
9:30am Karol Mootz

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, November 26**

6:00pm	Cub Scouts	O'Brien Room
6:00pm	Bell Choir	Church
6:30pm	Baptism Class	Conference Room

**Wednesday, November 28**

9:30am	Bible Study	RE Center
5:15pm	Children's Choir	Church
6:30pm	Adult Choir	Church
6:30pm	Social Justice	Conference Room

Thank you to all who helped make the **Nativity's Parish Breakfast and Basket Raffle** a HUGE success!! \$2,100 Net!! And the winners are.....Michele Roth, Cody Valentine, Dane Schrobilgen, Ellen Dillon, Mary Agnes Meyer, Libby Oberfoell, Agnes Droessler, Jenny Bodensteiner, Donna Krug, Len Uhal, Charles Puccio, Joan Cadis, Dan Brune, Mary Ellis, Jane Scardino, susan Prochaska, Rita Osterberger, Dick Vogt, Kelly Lengling and Ellen Nugent.

**Stewardship Report**

Received November 18, 2018.....	\$10,693
Envelopes Received...137	Weekly Need..\$13,400
Amount Budgeted (July 1-November 18).....	\$281,400
Received Year to Date.....	\$242,846
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$827
Amount Needed for Loan #1946.....	\$11,200
Festival Equivalency Budget.....	\$35,000
Festival Equivalency YTD.....	\$33,917

**From the Pastor**

On Monday, November 12, I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and confessions as I did the rest of the week. I anointed a parishioner and prayed the prayers entrusting him to the Lord. I did laundry and worked in the office.

On Tuesday I worked in the office and attended the Finance Council meeting. After the meeting I joined some friends for a "home escape room" experience.

On Wednesday I attended the meeting of the Parish Staff and had lunch at Mario's with friends.

On Thursday I worked on my homily and attended the meeting of the pastoral Council in the evening.

On Friday I attended a meeting as we evaluate new sound systems for the church. I met with the family of David Puff to plan his Mass of Resurrection. In the evening I joined parishioners for a late birthday supper at the Morocco!

On Saturday I celebrated the 8 a.m. Mass and confessions after shoveling snow!! I celebrated Reconciliation at 3 p.m. and then the 4:15 Mass. After Mass I joined parishioners for another late birthday supper at Timmerman's!

On Sunday I celebrated the 6:30 Mass and joined parishioners for breakfast at Sunshine downtown. I celebrated the 9:30 Mass and joined parishioners in the O'Brien Room for breakfast/brunch. In the afternoon I was called to Mercy hospital and was present to pray and anoint Gary Ernst. May he rest in peace. I then visited the family of my aunt in Monticello and to plan her Mass of Resurrection. I visited my youngest brother and his family before returning to Dubuque.

*"Blessed are the merciful, because they will be shown mercy. We are talking about those who forgive, who understand other people's mistakes. Jesus does not say: Blessed are those who seek vengeance, who say an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. He says: Blessed are those who forgive, those who are merciful. We are an army of the forgiven! All of us have been forgiven! And this is why he who takes the path of forgiveness is blessed."*—Pope Francis

Fr Jim

**From the Faith Formation Committee: New Bible Study beginning.** On Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 9:30 am, we will begin a study of the Gospel of Luke using materials from the Little Rock Scripture Study. All are welcome to join us as we grow in our understanding of the scripture through our reading and discussions. Please RSVP to the parish office as soon as possible so that we can order a sufficient number of books. A great way to begin Advent!

**REST IN PEACE:** We remember in prayer *David Puff, Gary Ernst and Kristine Ludwig* whose funerals we celebrated this past week. **Let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.** (Rev. 14:13)



## In Our Nativity Parish



**Blessing Prayer** for lighting a candle on the *Advent Wreath*. Lord God, you who sent into the world Your Beloved Son as a light that shines in darkness, invest this wreath, our Advent symbol, with the power of Your energy and light. With each of these candles that is lighted, may we rekindle within ourselves the desire to prepare a way for the birth of Christ.

With each new candle that is lighted, may the flame of Christ's coming grow brighter and brighter so that this Christmas may see a fresh and ever-green coming of the Lord of light into each of our hearts and into our whole world.

**"Formation for All"** is an online program designed to help Catholics of all ages to learn and pray about *Respect Life and Social Justice issues*. The current session during the season of Advent will focus on Homelessness and the Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable Sessions are designed for all ages and various settings. To access these sessions go to: [dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation](http://dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation).

**Advent Prayer Service** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nativity will host a *Taize prayer service* at 3:30-4:30 at Nativity Church. The prayer service is an excellent way to begin the season of Advent through a music based prayer service. Taize prayer is contemplative, with an Advent based reading and reflection time. Come and enjoy a calming hour of reflection and prayer.

Upcoming regional **Holy Hour** with Archbishop Jackels to pray for vocations: Tuesday, December 4, 7-8 pm at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville. Please consider inviting all adults, youth, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, etc. in your parish to attend. New Melleray Abbey hosts a Holy Hour for Vocations on the 4th Sunday of each month with Adoration at 5:00 pm, Vespers at 5:30, and Benediction immediately following. All are welcome!

## In Our Community

**Find us on Facebook and Twitter!** Keep up with at-the-moment updates/news from the Holy Family System by joining us on Facebook or Twitter.

[www.facebook.com/holyfamilydbq](http://www.facebook.com/holyfamilydbq)



Fr. Dwayne Thoman, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, is the featured speaker at **Holy Family's Advent Activity Night** Thursday, Nov. 29, from 6-7 p.m. at Presentation Hall-St. Columbkille Parish. Visit [holyfamilydbq.org](http://holyfamilydbq.org) to RSVP.

**"Behold Your Child"** is a new ministry developed in collaboration by the offices of Marriage and Family Life, Respect Life and Social Justice, and Catholic Charities to provide hope and healing for parents and families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss (whether recently or years ago). Please contact Matt Selby (563) 556-2580, ext. 233 or [m.selby@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.selby@dbqarch.org). Trainings: Tuesday, January 29 – St. Joseph the Worker, 5:30-9:00 PM, Thursday, February 21 – St. Cecilia, Ames – 5:30-9:00 PM, Once approved by the pastor, those to be trained for the ministry may register for a training by visiting [www.dbqarch.org/events](http://www.dbqarch.org/events) and clicking on the date. The cost is \$30 per person, including dinner and materials.

Since 2005, **Mysteries of Christmas** has become a traditional part of the Advent season for many in the Loras and Dubuque communities. This year's performance, **Rejoice, O Favored One!** is 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 at Dubuque's Church of the Nativity. The joyous 90-minute performance will feature vocal and instrumental pieces integrated with prayers & spiritual messages to enter more deeply into the Advent season. From its inception *Mysteries of Christmas* has sought to provide the community with a seasonal experience which presents the highest quality of music & literature in a concert format imbued with our Catholic culture. In keeping with our College's mission statement, *Mysteries of Christmas* provides all a joyous occasion to welcome in the Season of Advent as we wait with expectation for the coming of Christ. Music & readings give the audience, musicians and lectors material to ponder the wonder & awe of God's gift of salvation to us, through his Son Jesus.

## Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of December 1 & 2

### Saturday @ 4:15pm

**Servers:** S. Dalsing, Volunteers

**Lectors:** Sandy Brenner, Bill Cullen

**Communion Ministers:** M. Berendes, J. Blocklinger, A. Burds, J. Carroll, P. Erschen, B. Fager, L. Hawks

**Ushers:** C. Blocklinger (Capt), L. Nemmers (Capt), M. Becker, J. Blocklinger, J. Burger, V. Rauch, T. Thilmany, Volunteer

**Sacristan:** Karen Leisen

**Musicians:** Karen Leisen, Lauren Bollweg

### Sunday @ 6:30am

**Servers:** S. Hanley, Volunteer

**Lector:** Monica Daly

**Communion Ministers:** M. Daly, M. Ernst, E. Fangman, E. Gansemer, S. Gassman, B. Krapfl, K. Wolbers

**Ushers:** K. Krapfl (Capt.) K.

Clemen, G. Cook, B. Hanley,

M. Hurm, B. Jasper, T. Kirmse,

J. Kubitz, W. Phillips

**Sacristan:** Monica Daly

### Sunday @ 9:30am

**Servers:** J. Berendes, R. & M. Garrett

**Lectors:** Cindy Nielsen, Barb Nowacki

**Communion Ministers:** Deacon S.

Whiteman, J. Curtis, J. Dunn, D. & S. Feller, MB Ferring, B. Healy

**Ushers:** P. Mason (Capt), T. Mason, D.

Brune, F. Pape, D. King, T. Hoelscher, D. Reihle

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