

# 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 2, 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

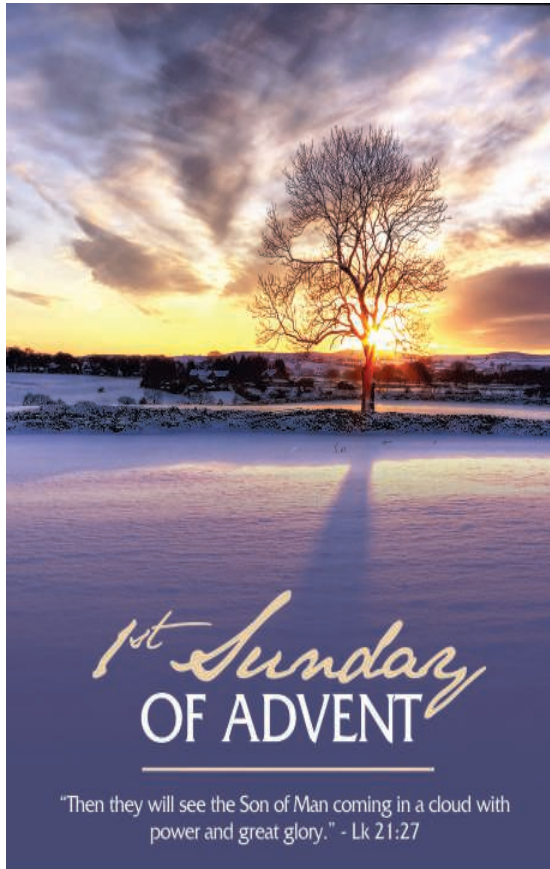
By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. December 3,  
2018 and January 14,  
2019. Classes are held  
at 6:30pm.

### 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.



## Parish Staff

**Pastor** ..... Msgr. James Miller (Ext. 202)  
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**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  
**Office Hours** ..... 8:30 am—3:00 pm (M-F)  
**Parish Website** ..... <http://Nativity.weconnect.com>  
**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 December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-9/Mt 8:5-11

6:30am Sam Wolbers/Stephanie Wolbers

**Tuesday December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Dr of**

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 /Lk 10:21-24 **the Church**

6:30am Blanche McCauley

**Wednesday December 5**

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

6:30am Bob Curnan

**Thursday December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop**

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a /Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:30am Martin Fangman

**Friday December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the**

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 **Church**

6:30am Kay Krapfl (Anv)

5:00pm Patricia Konzett

**Saturday December 8 Immaculate Conception of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:00am Fr Francis & Fr Nathan-Our India Mission Family

12:00pm Dennis Tully (Anv)

4:15pm George Daly Family

**Sunday December 9 Second Sunday in Advent**

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

6:30am Nativity Parish

9:30am Msgr William Leonard 10th Anniversary of his death

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, December 3**

5:45pm	Bell Choir	Church
6:00pm	Cub Scouts	O'Brien Room
6:30pm	Baptism Class	Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 4**

6:30pm	Liturgy Committee	Music Sacristy
6:30pm	St Vincent de Paul	Conference Room

**Wednesday, December 5**

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

**Thursday, December 6**

12:30pm	Over 60's Group	O'Brien Room
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**Christmas Carolers!!!** On December 9 we will gather in the parking lot at 1pm and spread the holiday cheer from 2-4 at several senior centers. Bring the whole family! Cookies and hot chocolate to follow. Please join us! *Tiz the season!!*

**Stewardship Report**

Received November 25, 2018.....	\$9,047
Envelopes Received... 147	Weekly Need..\$13,400
Amount Budgeted (July 1-November 25).....	\$294,800
Received Year to Date.....	\$251,893
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$1,007
Amount Needed for Loan #1946.....	\$11,200
Social Justice.....\$420	India.....\$788
	Tanzania.....\$377

**From the Pastor**

Monday, November 19, I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and confessions as I did on Tuesday. In the morning I met with the family of Kristine Ludwig and later with the family of Gary Ernst to plan their Masses of Resurrection. That afternoon I anointed a parishioner and did the wake service for David Puff before taking Kay McGrath to Perkins for supper.

Tuesday I celebrated the Mass of Resurrection for David Puff, did his committal at Mt. Olivet and joined the family for a luncheon at Happy's. May he rest in peace. I visited the hospitals and attended the meeting of the Knights of Columbus #510.

Wednesday I drove to Cascade to celebrate the Mass of Resurrection of my Aunt, Doloris Bertling. May she rest in peace. I returned to celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for Gary Ernst, do a committal service then joined the family for the luncheon at the Moracco. May he rest in peace.

On Thursday I celebrated the 8 a.m. Mass for Thanksgiving, went to my sister, Judi's, for lunch, then in the evening to my brother, Ron's. I was home by 8 p.m.

On Friday I drove to Marshalltown for the Mass of Resurrection for Enrique Chavarria, 50, who fell from a ladder repairing a building after the tornado. May he rest in peace. I visited with Fr. Mike Mescher on my return journey and attended a wake for Betty Nolan in Van Horne. I was home be 8 p.m.

On Saturday I celebrated the Mass of Resurrection for Kristine Ludwig, did her committal service and joined the family for a luncheon at the Moracco. May she rest in peace. I celebrated Reconciliation and then the 4:15 p.m. Mass.

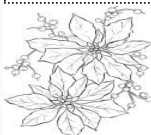
On Sunday I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and joined parishioners for breakfast at The Point. I celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass and assisted with the RCIC class. I ate lunch and read the paper and watched some football. In the evening I went to see "The Crimes of Grindelwald". I liked it.

*"'Blessed are the pure of heart' is one of Jesus's sayings that refers to those who have a fresh, clean, simple heart: a heart that knows how to love with a beautiful kind of purity."*—Pope Francis

Fr Jim

Would you like to be a **GREETER** before Mass? Please phone the office by Dec 28 to be part of this important ministry. It is a rotating schedule and open to all ages.

The giving tree is displayed in the entrance of the church. Please take an ornament, purchase and wrap the gift and return it with the tag attached no later than December 18.



We continue the tradition of remembering the deceased loved ones during the Christmas season. To make a donation (suggested \$10) please notify the office by December 18.

## In Our Nativity Parish



December 2 **Witness** preview: Father Richard Kuhn of Farley, a retired priest of the archdiocese, met with Pope Francis on Nov. 12 as part of a trip to Rome to celebrate his 65th anniversary of ordination. Articles tell this story & delve into Father Kuhn's ministry. Lisa Turner of Catholic Charities offers a year in review detailing the new initiatives and activities at the agency in 2018. A Catholic University in California has started a program to bring education to young people who were formerly in foster care or homeless. Other Catholic news and the second part of a new series on the liturgy from the Archdiocesan Office of Worship.

Please remember to **Support the Religious Retirement Fund** by using the special envelope in your packet.

What is the **Best Advent Ever?** A free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a way you've never experienced it before-leading to the best Christmas of your life! [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp).

**Advent Prayer Service** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nativity will host a *Taize prayer service* at 3:30-4:30. What 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)



The Holy Family Catholic Schools **Hall of Honor** was established to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to their work, their community, and to the Holy Family Catholic School community. We continue this tradition each year as we highlight the accomplishments and service of those who strive to make an impact professionally and personally. The categories are: Professional Achievement Award, Holy Family Catholic Schools Service Award, Outstanding Service Award, Rising Young Alumni Award. Deadline for nominations is January 6.

**Holiday Fun for Pre-K and Kindergarteners** "Cookies and Carols" Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. St. Anthony Elementary School. Families with young children are invited to join in the Christmas spirit with caroling, puppet theater, cookie decorating and hot chocolate. We encourage families to RSVP to [avallee@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:avallee@holyfamilydbq.org) or by calling the school at (563) 556-2820.

"**Formation for All**" is an online program for Catholics to learn about *Respect Life & Social Justice issues*. The Advent session will focus on Homelessness and the Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable. Sessions are designed for all ages. Go to: [dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation](http://dbqarch.org/rlsj/formation).

"**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.

## Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of December 8 & 9

### Saturday @ 4:15pm

**Servers:** Ava Schmitt, Volunteers

**Lectors:** Karen Leisen, Lynn Hawks

**Communion Ministers:** M. Kessler, P. Kunnert, J. Pacholke, N. Quinn, T. Shaffer, T. Stierman, S. Towfic

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

**Sacristan:** Jan Pacholke

**Musicians:** Mimi Resnick, Joan Bradley

### Sunday @ 6:30am

**Servers:** G. Oglesby, Volunteer

**Lector:** Evelyn Fangman

**Communion Ministers:** M.

Ernst, E. Fangman, D. & M. Leary, S. McGinn, M. Murphy, C. Schlickman

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

Clemen, G. Cook, B. Hanley, M. Hurm, B. Jasper, T. Kirmse, J. Kubitz, W. Phillips

**Sacristan:** Becky Krapfl

### Sunday @ 9:30am

**Servers:** Brock, Connor & Nick Moroney

**Lectors:** Alice Rhomberg, Alan Scannell

**Communion Ministers:** Deacon S.

Whiteman, C. & G. Herber, S. Hockenberry, D. King, J. Kuhl, A. Rhomberg

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

Berendes, D. King, T. Hoelscher, D.

Reihle, T. Riedl, J. Rios

**Sacristan:** Betty Arnzen

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