

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 9, 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. The next
classes are January 28,
March 11 and May 20,
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.



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CEW

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Main Office582-5456

Holy Family School Board

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Lectors

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Mike Whalen.....583-6791

St. Vincent de Paul

Bernard "Barney" Boland556-1368

That Man Is You

Jim Unsen556-4857

Ushers

Perry Mason.....556-3964

Vocations

.....582-1839

We Care Committee

Sheila Chambers583-3667

60+ Group

Suzanne & Tom Riedl582-5733

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Mass Intentions

Monday December 10

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
6:30am Wolbers & Delaney Families

Tuesday December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 /Mt 18:12-14
6:30am Smith & Donovan Families

Wednesday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38
6:30am Fr James Blocklinger

Thursday December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
6:30am Velma Davidshofer

Friday December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9,-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
6:30am Audrey Noel

Saturday December 15

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
8:00am Adele Saffran
4:15pm Shirley Jones (Anv)

Sunday December 16 Third Sunday in Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
6:30am Nativity Parish
9:30am Allen & Ruth Ann Herbst

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 10

6:00pm Cub Scouts O'Brien Room

Tuesday, December 11

6:30pm Finance Council Conference Room

Wednesday, December 12

9:30am Bible Study RE Center

5:15pm Children's Choir Church

6:30pm Adult Choir Church

Christmas Carolers!! On December 9 we will gather in the parking lot at 1pm and spread the holiday cheer from 1:30-3 at several senior centers. Bring the whole family! Cookies and hot chocolate to follow. Please join us! *Tiz the season!!*

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.

Stewardship Report

Received December 2, 2018.....	\$19,422
Envelopes Received... 162	Weekly Need.....\$13,400
Amount Budgeted (July 1-December 2).....	\$308,200
Received Year to Date.....	\$271,315
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$572
Amount Needed for Loan #1946.....	\$10,200

From the Pastor

On Monday, November 26, I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and confessions as I did the rest of the week. I worked in the office.

On Tuesday I drove to Cascade to help with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the students attending Aquin Catholic School. I had lunch with a friend at the Olive Garden, did some shopping and worked in the office.

On Wednesday I attended our Parish Staff Meeting. In the afternoon I helped with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the students at Wahlert Catholic High School. In the evening I went to the Texas Roadhouse for supper with Bette and Don, my sister and brother-in-law, and attended the meeting of the Social Justice Committee in the evening.

Thursday I celebrated the School Mass for St. Anthony & Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Schools, helped setup for a wedding rehearsal & shared in a RCIA class.

On Friday I went to Monona to concelebrate the Mass of Resurrection for Fr. Bob Levenhagen. May he rest in peace. I prepared for the weekend liturgies. I helped setup for an evening wedding. I attended Lessons and Carols at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center.

On Saturday I celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the 8 a.m. Mass, helped with the decorations and preparations for the Season of Advent. I finished preparing my homily, went to a birthday celebration for Louie Bassler's 70th! I celebrated Reconciliation and the 4:15 p.m. Mass.

On Sunday I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and joined parishioners for breakfast at Caroline's. I celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass and shared in the RCIC class. In the afternoon I joined in the Taize Prayer Service which was a calming prayer in the midst of a busy world.

"Blessed are those who work for peace.' It's very common to be a force for war, or at least a force for misunderstanding. An example of this is when I hear something from one person and then tell it to another person; and when I make my 'second edition,' it gets a little bigger in the telling. That's how gossip works, how people who gossip work; they do not work for peace. And they certainly aren't blessed."—Pope Francis

Fr Jim

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Darin & Katherine Hulslander

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.

In Our Nativity Parish



December 9 **Witness** preview: Iowa's four bishops issue a joint letter on gun legislation. Resurrection Catholic School in Dubuque was recently recognized nationally as a Blue Ribbon School. A feature will provide a portrait of students and staff there. A Catholic bioethicist weighs in on the gene editing of embryos that recently took place in China. Listing of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations coming up in the archdiocese. The final installment of the worship office series on communal penance.

2018 Contribution Deadline According to IRS regulations and Archdiocesan guidelines, all contributions that you wish to have recorded for 2018 must be received by Noon on Monday, December 31st, **OR** postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. Contributions received or postmarked after that date will be recorded in 2019. *Thank you for your support throughout the year.* **Automatic Funds Transfer** Did you know that you have the ability to make financial contributions automatically from your checking or savings account each month – no matter where you bank? This is a great convenience for both you & Nativity. Getting started and making changes is simple. Call the parish office for more details. **Act Now to Save on Taxes** This year, instead of paying more in taxes, use your IRA to support our parish. If you are 70½ or older you can roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a charity, any charity, including **Church of the Nativity**. You won't be taxed on the transfer and it counts towards your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD.) Best of all, it's easy. It is important to first contact your IRA administrator, or Joan Bradley in the parish office, for more information on how to make the IRA rollover work for you while helping support our spiritual mission. There is a specific process and forms that need to be used and they can help you through those simple steps.

Join us for **Bible Study** each Wednesday in the parish RE Center

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



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.

Please keep students receiving 1st Reconciliation and their families in your prayers this week as the children receive the Sacrament this Wednesday. May God bless them and their families as they experience God's love and mercy.

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.**

"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. 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 and clicking on the date. The cost is \$30 per person, including dinner and materials.

Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of December 15 & 16

Saturday @ 4:15pm

Servers: Jared Weber, Volunteers

Lectors: Mary Nugent, Sharon Murphy

Communion Ministers: M. Berendes, D. Bisanz, J. Blocklinger, A. Burds, J. Carroll, P. Erschen, B. Fager

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

Sacristan: Donna Bisanz

Musicians: MB Ferring, Julie Stran

Sunday @ 6:30am

Servers: G. Oglesby, Volunteer

Lector: Sandy Hanley

Communion Ministers: E. Gansemer, S. Gassman, D. & M Leary, B. Krapfl, S. McGinn, M. Murphy

Ushers: K. Krapfl (Capt.) K.

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

Sacristan: Mary Murphy

Sunday @ 9:30am

Servers: Emily & Rachel Richter, Mia Ruden

Lectors: Ron Schlader, Katherine Schmalz

Communion Ministers: Deacon S.

Whiteman, A. & A. Scannell, J. Schmalz, J. Schlader, J. Sigwarth, D. Slade

Ushers: P. Mason (Capt), T. Mason, C. Berendes, P. Bradley, D. Brune, F. Pape, T. Riedl, J. Rios

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