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**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 16, 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

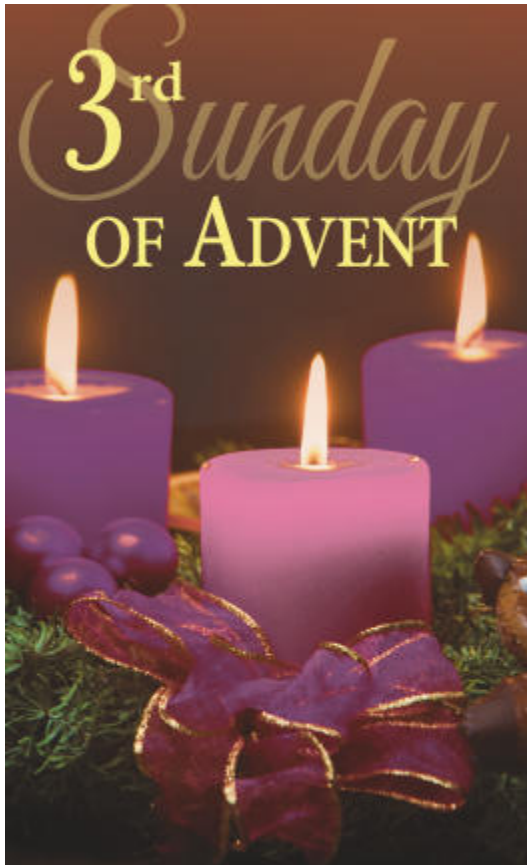
By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. The next  
classes are January 28,  
March 11 and May 20,  
2019. Classes are held  
at 6:30pm.

### 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.



## Parish Staff

**Pastor** ..... Msgr. James Miller (Ext. 202)  
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**Deacon**..... Deacon Steve Whiteman  
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**Bookkeeper**..... Joan Bradley (Ex. 205)  
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**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

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**O'Brien Room**..... (563) 588-0020  
**Office Hours**..... 8:30 am—3:00 pm (M-F)  
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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 December 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
6:30am Ruth Von Fumetti

**Tuesday December 18**

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
6:30am Demmer & Bertling Families

**Wednesday December 19**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 /Lk 1:5-25  
6:30am Jay Hanson

**Thursday December 20**

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
6:30am Fran, Mary & Barb Morgan

**Friday December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

Sg 2:8-14 /Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
6:30am Neuses Family

**Saturday December 22**

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
8:00am Wayne Noel Family  
4:15pm George Sr & Josephine Towfic Family (Anv)

**Sunday December 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
6:30am Nativity Parish  
9:30am Doris & Marla Pitz

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, December 17**

6:00pm Cub Scouts O'Brien Room  
6:00pm Bell Choir Church

**Tuesday, December 18**

6:30pm CEO Meeting Adoration Room

**Wednesday, December 19**


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

**Thursday, December 20**

6:30pm RCIA Conference Room

**Christmas Decorations** 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.



 The giving tree is displayed in the entrance of the church. Please take an ornament, purchase and wrap the gift & return it with the tag attached **by December 18.**

**Stewardship Report**

Received December 9, 2018.....	\$21,903*
Envelopes Received...247* Weekly Need.....	\$13,400
* Includes \$8,607 & 87 envelopes EFT	
Amount Budgeted (July 1-December 9).....	\$321,600
Received Year to Date.....	\$293,218
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$702
Amount Needed for Loan #1946.....	\$10,200
Immaculate Conception YTD.....	\$1,660

**From the Pastor**

On Monday, December 3, I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and confessions as I did the rest of the week. I worked in the office, then in the evening attended the meeting of the Faith Formation Committee.

On Tuesday I met with the family of Julie Unsen to plan service at Leonard Funeral Home. That afternoon I celebrated Mass at Sunset Park Place, then attended the meeting of our Parish Liturgy Committee in the evening.

On Wednesday I worked in the office and did the Anointing of the Sick. In the evening I participated in the Advent Prayer Service for our children in Religious Education at St. Anthony Parish.

Thursday I worked on liturgies for the weekend and joined in the meal and five games of euchre with the Over 60's Group in the O'Brien Room. I went to the wake at Leonard Funeral Home. In the evening I prepared a funeral homily and attended part of the RCIA class.

On Friday I helped with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the students at Resurrection School. I did the Resurrection Service outside of Mass for Julie Unsen at Leonard Funeral Home. May she rest in peace. I joined the family for the luncheon at Happy's. I anointed a lady at Finley Hospital and helped setup for the evening Holyday Mass. In the evening I attended the Loras College program: *The Mysteries of Christmas*.

On Saturday morning I finished preparing for my weekend homily, anointed a lady at Mercy Hospital and celebrated the noon Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary. In the afternoon I heard confessions before celebrating the 4:15 p.m. Mass. In the evening I attended the presentation of *The Nutcracker* at the Grand.

On Sunday I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass before joining parishioners for breakfast at HyVee. I celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass and did the Anointing of the Sick after Mass and participated in the class for RCIC. I baked a Nativity apple pie and took it to a Christmas gathering of parishioners. In the evening I met with the family of Karen Bussan at Leonard Funeral Home.

*"God has redeemed us. He chose us out of His pure grace. His death and Resurrection released us from the power of the world, the power of the Devil, from the power of the prince of this world. This is the origin of all hatred. We are saved and the prince of the world doesn't want us to be saved and so he hates us. He has encouraged our persecution from the days of Jesus right through today."*—Pope Francis

Fr Jim

**Religious give thanks.** "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

## In Our Nativity Parish



December 16 **Witness** preview: Archbishop Jackels reflections on how we can "give flesh to the word" in our lives this season marking the nativity when "the word was made flesh" in his Christmas message. The archbishop also gives an update on his recent meeting with Iowa's attorney general to discuss clergy sex abuse issues. A nationally published Catholic composer will debut a new arrangement of "Ave Maria" at this year's Lessons and Carols program at the cathedral; we'll also have information on this musical tradition being practiced at a parish in Waterloo. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal recently gave a presentation on the annulment process at a local parish. An article will delve into this topic. Davenport Bishop Thomas Zinkula, a former priest of the archdiocese, was recently featured in a nationally published article about how racism has impacted his family personally. In an article he will discuss the experiences of his sister and brother in law, as well as the recent pastoral statement on racism released by U.S. Bishops. We will feature the written reflections and art of our readers on Christmas. This year we received submissions from around the archdiocese- including an entire elementary school class from Holy Ghost School in Dubuque.

December 22/23 collections are for Social Justice. Indian Mission & local collection. **St Vincent de Paul Needs:** Hot chocolate, potatoes, graham crackers, can fruit, oil, shampoo, lotion, toilet tissue.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for the **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses**. *Please* check your schedule and call the office to volunteer your time.

## 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)



**Congratulation** to all the students who received their 1st Reconciliation and their families this past week! We are so grateful for God's gifts of love and mercy.

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

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, **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.) 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.

## Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of December 22 & 23

### Saturday @ 4:15pm

**Servers:** S. Dalsing, Volunteers

**Lectors:** R. Scheitzach, M. Resnick

**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, Volunteers

**Sacristan:** Maggie Becker

**Musicians:** Karen Leisen, Julie Stran

### Sunday @ 6:30am

**Servers:** Whalen, Volunteer

**Lector:** Tom Kirmse

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

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

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

**Sacristan:** Janet Wegner

### Sunday @ 9:30am

**Servers:** Adam, & John Sigwarth, Volunteer

**Lectors:** Elizabeth Sigwarth, Len Uhal

**Communion Ministers:** Deacon S.

Whiteman, B. Arnzen, M. Steuck, K., L. & S. Uhal

**Ushers:** P. Mason (Capt), T. Mason, P. Bradley, D. Brune, F. Pape, D. King, T. Hoelscher, D. Reihle

**Sacristan:** Sue Uhal

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**Greeters:** K. Halton, B. Unsen, Betty Arnzen

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