

# Church of the Nativity

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February 24, 2019

## 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

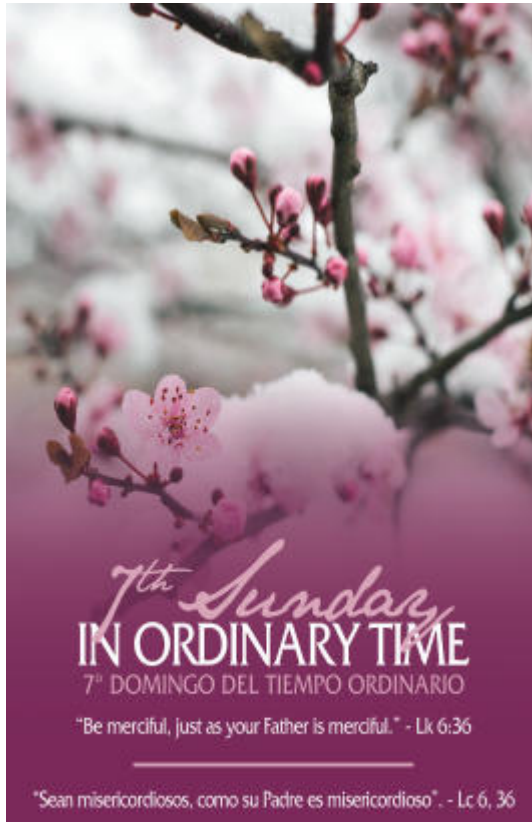
By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. The next  
classes are March 11  
and May 20, 2019.  
Classes are held at  
6:30pm.

### 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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**Bookkeeper** ..... Joan Bradley (Ex. 205)  
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DBQ057sec@dbqarch.org  
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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 February 25**

Sir 1:1-11/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29  
6:30am Deceased Members of the O'Dowd Family

**Tuesday February 26**

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37  
6:30am Robert Kunnert

**Wednesday February 27**

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175/Mk 9:38-40  
6:30am Helen Grabow (Anv)

**Thursday February 28**

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50  
6:30am Josef & Bertha Volk

**Friday March 1**

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12  
6:30am Donna Wolfe

**Saturday March 2**

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16  
8:00am Diane Hurm  
4:15pm Bob Curtis

**Sunday March 3 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
6:30am Nativity Parish  
9:30am Don Wasmundt (Anv)

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, February 25**

6:00pm Cub Scouts O'Brien Room

**Wednesday, February 27**

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

**Thursday, February 28**

6:30pm RCIA RE Center



There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 2-3pm on Sunday, February 24. Come spend some time with the Lord! The opportunity for confessions will also be available during the Holy Hour.

**Teams of Our Lady~Helping Marriages Grow and Prosper.** If you are interested in enriching your marriage-meet couples who are involved with an International Movement. Share the Joy! Couples meet once a month to eat, pray and discuss topics reflecting faith and marriage. Informational meeting is Sunday February 24 at St Columbkille Parish Hall at 2:30pm. Child care will be provided. Contact Tom & Kris Lang 588-8627.

**Stewardship Report**

Received February 17, 2019.....\$6,576  
Envelopes Received...128 Weekly Need.....\$13,400  
Amount Budgeted (July 1-February 17) .....\$455,600  
Received Year to Date.....\$446,669  
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....\$626  
Amount Needed for Loan #1946..... \$9,200

**From the Pastor**

On Monday, February 11, I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and heard confessions as I did the rest of the week. I took my car to Hanley Auto Body for a little repair job and Bob took good care of my CRV. I worked in the office and we postponed the Faith Formation Committee meeting.

On Tuesday I went to the meeting of the Dubuque Ministerium held at the Dubuque Rescue Mission, visited the hospitals and attended the meeting of the Finance Council that evening.

On Wednesday I worked in the office and visited my niece and family at Mercy Hospital after she gave birth to Beckham Francis Bechen!! All were doing well. I anointed a parishioner before surgery at Finley Hospital.

On Thursday I visited the hospitals and ate lunch with the over 60's group—great soup!! I went to a pastors' meeting at the Resurrection rectory and stayed for supper then to a play at Loras College in which my nephew was an actor.

On Friday I worked in the office preparing the weekend liturgies, visited a parishioner in her home before visiting some parishioners at Stonehill. That evening I was called to do an anointing at Sunnycrest Manor. It turned out she grew up about three miles from me!

On Saturday I celebrated the 8 a.m. Mass and Confessions. In the afternoon I heard confessions before celebrating the 4:15 p.m. Mass. I ate supper at the Joliet Event Center. The prime rib or chicken dinner was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

On Sunday I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and went with parishioners to the HyVee on Locust St. for breakfast. I celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass before attending the meeting of the Parish Life Committee and then the RCIC class. Between most activities I was shoveling snow.

*"Be free people! What do I mean by that? Some people might think that freedom means doing whatever you want, seeing how far you can go, seeking thrills to overcome boredom. . .this is not freedom. Freedom means being able to think about what we do, being able to judge what is good and what is bad. Freedom means always choosing the good, because this type of behavior leads to growth. Let us be free in order to be good. Do not be afraid to go against the flow, even if it is not easy!"—Pope Francis*  
*Fr Jim*

**Steve Ray**, Catholic convert, apologist, speaker, pilgrimage guide, author of numerous books and Catholic DVD series will present a two night mission. *Monday March 25 & Tuesday March 26*. All are welcome to this free event from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Topics include the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us!

## In Our Nativity Parish

February 24 **Witness** preview: Archbishop Jackels continues the series on the 2019 U.S. bishops' retreat with a reflection on sharing Jesus' poverty. A couple and their children celebrated an interesting Valentine's Day that gives a glimpse of life in the domestic church. National and International news, including reporting on the Vatican's decision to remove former Cardinal McCarrick from the priesthood and a preview of the upcoming Vatican summit on sexual abuse. An upcoming film will tell the story of Father Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest, who served in Chicago.

### “Essential Elements of a Strong Catholic Marriage”

**Day** All married couples are invited to strengthen their marriage by attending the Archdiocese of Dubuque renewal day led by Greg & Julie Alexander on Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Ludmila Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Register by visiting [www.DBQArch.org/Events](http://www.DBQArch.org/Events) and clicking on the date. For questions, contact Matt Selby, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at 563-556-2580, ext. 233 or [m.selby@DBQArch.org](mailto:m.selby@DBQArch.org).

Men of high school age and older are invited to attend the **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference** on Saturday, March 16 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. Anthony Digmann ([www.anthonydigmann.com](http://www.anthonydigmann.com)) is the keynote speaker. The day includes breakout sessions, lunch, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. Register by March 1<sup>st</sup> for a discounted rate. For more details and registration, visit [www.catholicmenonline.com](http://www.catholicmenonline.com).

**Partner with Catholic Charities** - Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. Please partner with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

**Ash Wednesday** Ministers are needed! Noon Mass needs a sacristan, servers, ushers and Eucharistic ministers. The 6:45pm Religious Ed Mass is in need of a sacristan, ushers and Eucharistic ministers. Please call the office to volunteer.

## Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of March 2 & 3

### Saturday @ 4:15pm

**Servers:** Ava Schmitt, Volunteers  
**Lectors:** Sandy Brenner, Terry Shaffer  
**Communion Ministers:** J. Blocklinger, P. Erschen, B. Fager, L. Hawks, M. Kessler, P. Kunnert, Volunteer  
**Ushers:** C. Blocklinger (Capt), L. Nemmers (Capt), M. Becker, J. Blocklinger, J. Burger, V. Rauch, R. Schmerbach, Volunteer  
**Sacristan:** Jan Pacholke  
**Musicians:** MB Ferring, Joan Bradley

### Sunday @ 6:30am

**Servers:** G. Oglesby, Volunteer  
**Lector:** Bob Breitbach  
**Communion Ministers:** E. Fangman, D. & M. Leary, B. Krapfl, E. Gansemer, S. Gassman, S. McGinn, Volunteer  
**Ushers:** K. Krapfl (Capt.) K. Clemen, G. Cook, B. Hanley, M. Hurm, B. Jasper, T. Kirmse, J. Kubitz, S. Shilling  
**Sacristan:** Becky Krapfl

### Sunday @ 9:30am

**Servers:** C. Theisen, Whalen, Mia Ruden  
**Lectors:** Betty Weber, Les Blair  
**Communion Ministers:** Deacon S. Whiteman, J. Curtis, J. Dunn, D. & S. Feller, MB Ferring, B. Healy  
**Ushers:** P. Mason (Capt), T. Mason, C. Berendes, D. King, T. Hoelscher, D. Reihle, T. Riedl, J. Rios  
**Sacristan:** Betty Arnzen  
**Musicians:** Adult Choir, Kim Yoko  
**Greeters:** Dick & Sharon Feller, K. Halton

## 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)



Celebrate the talents of Holy Family students and enjoy freshly-made waffles and sausages served by Albrecht Acres at the annual **Holy Family Art & Waffle Breakfast** on Sunday, **Feb. 24**, from 8–11:30 a.m. in the Wahlert Catholic Kehl Family Commons. \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12, free for 5 & under. Stop by after Mass to enjoy music & art from students. Hope to see you there!

**Scholarship Opportunity!** Dubuque County Right to Life awards up to \$10,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors for college. A written speech, log of service hours, and a recommendation letter are required. Please go to [www.dcrtl.org/scholarships](http://www.dcrtl.org/scholarships) for information & to apply. Deadline is Friday, March 29. Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 20. Contact Ashley Stackis for information at 563-556-5960.

*Holy Family Catholic Schools* is committed to helping families navigate the **tuition assistance** process and afford a Catholic education. Did you know that over 45% of families at our schools receive some tuition assistance? Unfortunately, many families who want the choice of a Catholic education never find out what the assistance can be. Holy Family's commitment to small class sizes and innovative curriculum with individualized attention results in high student achievement. The tuition assistance application is now open. For more information visit [holyfamilydbq.org](http://holyfamilydbq.org).

Have you heard the buzz about *Holy Family's* new *personalized learning educational model*? Would you like to learn more? Attend a personalized learning informational meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School commons.

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