

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.

March 3, 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

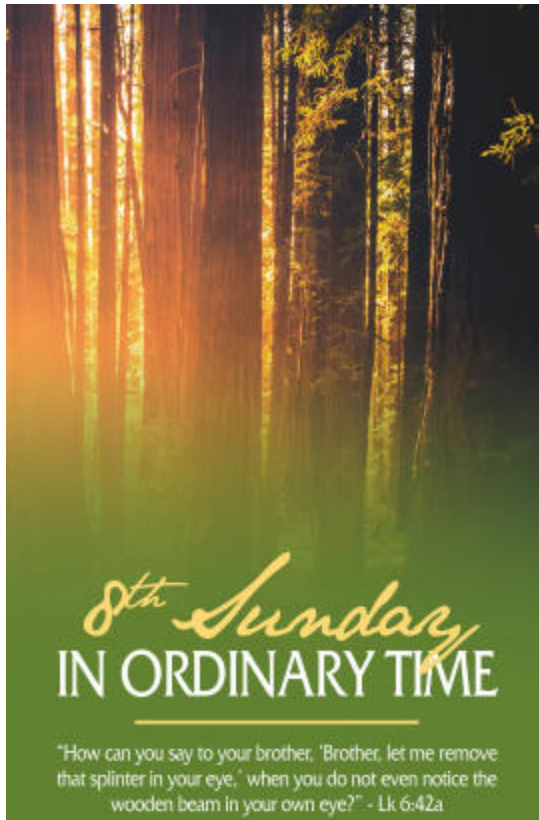
By arrangement.
Pre-Baptism Program
Required. The next
classes are March 11
and May 20, 2019.
Classes are held at
6:30pm.

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.



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Darlene Connolly 556-7451

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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

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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 March 4 St. Casimir

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
6:30am C. T. "Mike" O'Dowd

Tuesday March 5

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
6:30am Earl & Elizabeth Linden

Wednesday March 6 Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
6:30am Larry Haase
12 noon Bob Thomas
6:45pm Tim Widmeier

Thursday March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyr

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
6:30am John & Florence Klein

Friday March 8 St. John of God, Religious

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
6:30am Roger Hokenstad (Anv)

Saturday March 9

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
8:00am Patrick McDonald Family
4:15pm Lucille, Leo & Gene Burns

Sunday March 10 1st Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
6:30am Andrew Wolbers (Anv)
9:30am Nativity Parish



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 10. Be sure to set your clocks ahead!

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 4

6:00pm Cub Scouts O'Brien Room
6:30pm Faith Formation Conference Room

Tuesday, March 5

6:00pm Liturgy Committee Music Sacristy

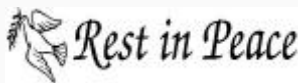
Wednesday, March 6

9:30am Bible Study RE Center

Thursday, March 7

6:30pm RCIA RE Center

REST IN PEACE: We remember in prayer *Katherine O'Meara* whose funeral we celebrated this past week. **Let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.** (Rev. 14:13)



Stewardship Report

Received February 24, 2019.....\$13,923
Envelopes Received...126 Weekly Need.....\$13,400
Amount Budgeted (July 1-February 24)\$469,000
Received Year to Date.....\$460,593
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....\$796
Amount Needed for Loan #1946..... \$9,200
Social Justice.....\$417 India.....\$535 Tanzania.....\$307

From the Pastor

On Monday, February 18, I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and heard confessions as I did the rest of the week. I decided not to travel to Mt. Vernon because of the winter road conditions. I made a hospital visit, worked at the office then in the evening spoke at the Cub Scout meeting.

On Tuesday I attended the assessment meeting at Wahlert High School. In the evening I attended the Knights of Columbus meeting.

On Wednesday we had another snow event. I worked in the office. In the evening two college friends joined me for 3-handed cribbage.

On Thursday I visited the hospitals and joined the morning men's prayer group. I attended the meeting of the Pastoral Council in the evening and then went to watch the Loras Women and Men play basketball and they both won.

On Friday I attended the Holy Family Finance meeting at Wahlert High School. I made a home visit to pray for Kathy O'Meara and entrust her to the Lord. I took food to Bette and Don's for a late birthday treat for my sister. We played one game of cribbage before I drove to Cascade to attend the wake for Madonna Faber. I later watched the Hawkeye Basketball game.

On Saturday I celebrated the 8 a.m. Mass and heard confessions. In the afternoon I heard confessions and celebrated the 4:15 p.m. Mass before parishioners in the O'Brien Room for tacos and desserts before we played games. I played five games of partner cribbage and we were losing 2-1 before we won the last two games.

On Sunday I celebrated the 6:30 a.m. Mass and joined parishioners for breakfast at Sunshine West. I celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass. I came back to church at 1:30 p.m. and led the Holy Hour with confessions from 2 until 3 p.m. Despite the cold and the wind about 10 people joined me for prayer and adoration.

"True freedom is not about following our egos, our blind passions; it is about love, about choosing the good in every situation. The Ten Commandments are not a hymn to "no," they are a hymn to "yes." A yes to God, a yes to Love, and since I say yes to Love, I say no to non-Love . . . but the no is a consequence of that yes that comes from God and which makes us love! Let us rediscover and live out the Ten Words of God! Let us say yes to these "ten paths of love," which were perfected by Christ to defend and guide human beings to true freedom!"—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. *March 25 & 26.* All are welcome to this free event from 6:30- 7:30 pm. Topics: *The Eucharist & the Blessed Mother Mary.*

In Our Nativity Parish

March 3 **Witness** preview: Archbishop Jackels writes on the issue of unity in the church. A feature focuses on a young woman who was able to overcome addiction with help from a court program and support from Catholic Charities' Jail & Prison Ministry. Coverage of the summit recently held at the Vatican to address clergy sexual abuse. A priest who is marking 25 years of 'God-given extra time' this week after surviving a heart transplant reflects on his journey.

The Faith Formation Committee will offer a **Taize Prayer Service** on Sunday, March 10 at 3 pm. Please join us for "an encounter with Christ in Song and Silent Meditation." Both Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II have visited Taize. American retreat centers & religious communities have offered these services for many years. It is a very peaceful, meditative, music-centered opportunity for prayer.

The *14th Annual Baby Shower* hosted by the **Knights of Columbus** is March 6–22. All donations will be given to Birthright. Donations can be placed in the baby cribs on display at Nativity Parish. A list of requested items: (diapers, newborn outfits, blankets, etc.) will be available in the cribs. Please be generous.



Encounter Lent Join our community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of en-

counter with **CRS Rice Bowl**. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl!! During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Did you know that clients in **Catholic Charities' Jail & Prison Ministry** program are 49% less likely to reoffend when compared to the state's average rate? This saves taxpayer money, decreases the strain on our law enforcement and improves the quality of life for those in the program and their families. Please support this important work with your gift. <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

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 Faith Formation Division of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is offering a night for all Catholics to reflect on their call to holiness with **Dr. Edward Sri** at Heartland Acres in Independence, IA on Wednesday, May 1, 6:30-8:30 PM. This is great opportunity for anyone interested in growing deeper as a disciple of Jesus.

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 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.

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.

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

Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of March 9 & 10

Saturday @ 4:15pm

Servers: Jared Weber, Volunteers
Lectors: Bill Cullen, Karen Leisen
Communion Ministers: M. Berendes, J. Blocklinger, J. Pacholke, N. Quinn, T. Shaffer, T. Stierman, Volunteer
Ushers: C. Blocklinger (Capt), L. Nemmers (Capt), M. Becker, J. Blocklinger, J. Burger, V. Rauch, R. Schmerbach, Volunteer
Sacristan: Maggie Becker
Musicians: S. White, MA McCauley

Sunday @ 6:30am

Servers: S. Hanley, Volunteer
Lector: Evie Fangman
Communion Ministers: E. Fangman, E. Gansemer, S. Gassman, C. Schlickman, K. Wolbers, M. Ernst, 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: R. & M. Garrett, J. Berendes
Lectors: Judy Curtis, Gary Dellaert
Communion Ministers: Deacon S. Whiteman, C. & G. Herber, S. Hockenberry, D. King, J. Kuhl, A. Rhomberg
Ushers: P. Mason (Capt), T. Mason, C. Berendes, P. Bradley, D. Brune, F. Pape, T. Riedl, J. Rios
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