

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.

August 18, 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 6:30pm on
September 16 and
November 18, 2019.
Please notify the office
if you are planning to
attend.

WEDDINGS

Please notify parish
office at least six
months in advance to
schedule wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Communal anointing
celebrated twice a
year during Mass. In-
dividual anointing by
request.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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

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

Ann Seamer 582-1839

60+ Group

Suzanne & Tom Riedl 582-5733



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Mass Intentions

- Monday August 19 St. John Eudes, Priest**
 Jgs 6:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22
 6:30am William Bauck
- Tuesday August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**
 Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
 6:30am Ardelle and Francis Giunta
- Wednesday August 21 St. Pius X, Pope**
 Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 /Mt 20:1-16
 6:30am John and Judy Curtis Family
- Thursday August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9,10/Mt 22:1-14
 6:30am Audrey Noel
- Friday August 23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**
 Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
 6:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Frank B. Walsh Family
- Saturday August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
 Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 8:00am Lyda Herrig
 4:15pm Mary Ann Blosch (ANV)
- Sunday August 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
 6:30am Nativity Parish
 9:30am Gene and Mary Tully

Parish Calendar

- Wednesday, August 20**
 6:30pm CEO Meeting Adoration Room
- Thursday, August 22**
 6:00pm Pastoral Council Conference Room
- Saturday, August 24**
 6:30am Summer Men's Group O'Brien Room
- Sunday, August 25**
 8:30am Parish Life Meeting Cry Room

We remember in prayer *Isy Stillmunkes* whose funeral we celebrated this past week. **Let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.** (Rev. 14:13)

Nativity Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday**, Sept. 3, at 9:30. We will begin a study of the Acts of the Apostles using the Little Rock Scripture materials. All are welcome ~ no previous experience with the Bible is necessary. Materials will cost \$15 but do not let the cost be a barrier. If you wish to participate call the office so we may order the materials. Questions, call Judy Curtis at 231-3414.

Stewardship Report

Received August 11, 2019.....	\$7,632
Envelopes Received... 139 Weekly Need..	\$13,400
Amount Budgeted Year to Date.....	\$93,800
Received Year to Date...(July 1-Aug 11).....	\$74,710
Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....	\$908
Amount Needed for Loan #1781.....	\$118,000

From the Pastor

At my first pastoral council meeting, the council gave me a high level update of the big issues that Nativity is facing. One of the issues they mentioned is the need for young families and they questioned how to get them here. It seems that this problem is twofold: One, how do we get the young families who are registered here to attend regularly? Two, how do we attract young families to join the parish?

First, with the regular attendance, as I have been celebrating Mass on the weekend, the number of families with school age children I have been seeing is consistent with what I was used to seeing at Resurrection last year, which is roughly a 25% attendance rate. Obviously, this number could and should be higher, but it isn't just a Nativity issue. One thing that I hope to do is to visit all of their homes, to get to know their families, and understand what is either encouraging them to come to Sunday Mass or preventing them. If you are one of those families, please invite me over for a visit in the near future, otherwise, I'll be calling you!

Second, there are inevitably families that live in the parish boundaries, or families that live in the city with Nativity ties that are no longer attending Mass. The problem for me as your new Pastor is that I have no way to know who they are, but that is where all of you come into play. A few options: one is for you to tell me their name, number, address and a brief description of their situation & I could call them. That's not preferable, but it is better than nothing. The second and probably better option is, since you already have a relationship with them, is for you to personally call the family and tell them that they are missed and invite them to come to church with you. If that has been tried, the third option would be to invite them and myself over sometime and introduce them to me so I can make that connection.

I love the Church, I know the importance of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, and I believe that a life lived with the grace of the sacraments is the best way to find peace and joy in this world. But I didn't always think that, I understand people leave for many reasons, so there is no judgment from me on people's faith journey, merely a desire to help the people of this parish to grow in their faith, that is my responsibility as Pastor! So, I am excited to help the parish take on this issue, but I can't do it alone. Let's pray for each other in our efforts. If appropriate, please email or call me to set up a time when it would be convenient for me to stop by for a visit.

August 24/25 collections are for Social Justice. Indian Mission & local collection. **St Vincent de Paul Needs:** Crackers, hamburger helper, can meats, peanut butter, deodorant, bar soap, facial tissues, garden produce.

The **Bishop Barron's Catholicism** video series will continue on Saturday mornings. Please consider joining us. Each Saturday is a different topic. We will continue our normal schedule: 6:30-7:45am (finish in time for 8am Mass) Please join us in the O'Brien room at Nativity.

In Our Nativity Parish



August 18 **Witness** preview: Life on the Edge: Colorado. Youth from the archdiocese recently completed the 9 day adventurous retreat that challenged them physically and spiritually. We will continue Archbishop Jackel's new series on vocations titled "What Does God Want Me to Be?" More photos & information from the recent ordination to the permanent diaconate. A retired carpenter travels the country building crosses- then places at the sites of mass shootings to aid in comforting the mourning.

The school year is getting close: that means the **Children's Choir** will begin soon! The group rehearses in the church on Wednesday's during the school year from 5:15 to 6:00 PM and sings on the fourth Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. It is open to children in grades 2nd through Junior High. If your child is interested in singing please call the office.

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Upcoming Dates: November 1-3 @ Coralville. For information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Bring your lawn chair & enjoy *Ted Vigil* ~ a singer, songwriter & a tribute artist. Hear all of **John Denver's** greatest hits: Take Me Home Country Roads, Leaving On a Jet Plane, Rocky Mountain High. August 18, 6:30pm at the *Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens*.

Needed: a **Pie sale** coordinator for this fall's **Apple pie fund raiser**. Please call the Parish Office for details if you are interested. You will have many experienced helpers available.



In Our Community

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School year **Religious Education** is right around the corner! Register now for students heading into grades K-10! Sessions start on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. To register, visit <http://www.stanthony-dubuque.org/2019-2020-school-year-religious-education-registration> or call the Faith Formation Office at 582-0377.

Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors Now Available! On April 27 & 28, Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House apostolate, trained 23 couples from the Archdiocese of Dubuque and 9 couples from the Diocese of Davenport to serve as *Covenant of Love* Marriage Mentors. They are now ready to serve couples throughout eastern Iowa as marriage mentors. *Covenant of Love* Marriage Mentoring helps married couples achieve relationship goals with effective support, information, and guidance. This process is effective for restoring & strengthening marriages in which *both* spouses are open to following God's plan for marriage and putting into place the practical tools provided. Whether newlyweds or married for fifty years, and whether on the brink of divorce or just wanting to grow deeper in a relatively good marriage, this mentoring process can provide couples with guidance for strengthening and sustaining their marriage. More information and registration for couples interested in being paired with a mentor couple is available at www.DBQArch.org/marriage-mentors.

Join us for the "**Grandparenting: Leaving a Legacy of Faith**" conference on Saturday, August 24th 9AM-2PM at St. Mary's in Waverly. Connect with other grandparents and hear from dynamic speakers on how to leave a legacy of faith for your children and grandchildren. The day includes keynotes, breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, lunch & more. Register at www.dbqarch.org/events. Contact Matt Selby, Director of Marriage & Family Life, at (800) 876-3546, ext. 233 or m.selby@dbqarch.org.

Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of August 24 & 25

Saturday @ 4:15pm

Servers: A. E. & J. Sigwarth

Lectors: Mary Nugent, Mimi Resnick

Communion Ministers: A. Burds, J. Carroll, P. Erschen, B. Fager, L.Hawks, M. Kessler, J. Pacholke

Ushers: C. Blocklinger (Capt), L.

Nemmers (Capt), M. Becker, J. & J.

Blocklinger, V. Rauch, R. Schmerbach

Sacristan: Maggie Becker

Musicians: Susan White, Julie Stran

Sunday @ 6:30am

Servers: S. Hanley, Volunteer

Lector: Monica Daly

Communion Ministers: M.

Daly, M. Ernst, E. Fangman, E.

Gansemmer, S. Gassman, B.

Krapfl, P. Kunnert

Ushers: K. Krapfl (Capt.) K.

Clemen, G. Cook, B. Hanley, B.

Jasper, T. Kirmse, J. Kubitz, S.

Shilling

Sacristan: Monica Daly

Sunday @ 9:30am

Servers: K. & R. Whalen, Mia Ruden

Lectors: Judy Curtis, Gary Dellaert

Communion Ministers: Deacon S.

Whiteman, C. & G. Herber, M. Hoelscher,

D. King, Jim Kuhl, A. Rhomberg

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

Berendes, T. Hoelscher, D. King, F. Pape,

D. Reihle, T. Riedl, J. Rios

Sacristan: Judy Reilly

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