

# 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.**

September 22, 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 October  
19 & 20 after the  
weekend Masses. In-  
dividual anointing by  
request.



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,  
who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

## Parish Staff

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Andy Upah (Ext. 202)  
DBQ057@dbqarch.org  
**Deacon** ..... Deacon Steve Whiteman  
DBQ057D2@dbqarch.org  
**Bookkeeper** ..... Joan Bradley (Ex. 205)  
DBQ057bk@dbqarch.org  
**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

**Office Phone (563) 582-1839**  
**FAX** ..... (563) 582-1830  
**O'Brien Room** ..... (563) 588-0020  
**Office Hours** ..... 8:30 am—3:00 pm (M-F)  
**Parish Website** ..... <http://Nativity.weconnect.com>  
**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

Len Uhal ..... 580-8413

### 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

Ann Seamer ..... 582-1839

### 60+ Group

Suzanne & Tom Riedl ..... 582-5733



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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 /Lk 8:16-18  
 6:30am Jim Kircher

**Tuesday September 24**  
 Ezzr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21  
 6:30am Shirley Jones

**Wednesday September 25**  
 Ezzr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
 6:30am Polly Mason

**Thursday September 26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**  
 Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
 6:30am Rosella Hosch (Anv)

**Friday September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
 Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22  
 6:30am Joe, Irene & Joey Nemmers (Anv)

**Saturday September 28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**  
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
 8:00am Margaret Michels (Anv)  
 4:15pm St. Vincent de Paul

**Sunday September 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
 6:30am James Delaney  
 9:30am Nativity Parish

**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, September 22**  
 5:00pm Parish Dinner Joliet Center  
**Monday, September 23**  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts O'Brien Room  
**Tuesday, September 24**  
 9:30am Bible Study RE Center  
**Wednesday, September 25**  
 5:15pm Children Choir Church  
 6:30pm Adult Choir Church  
 6:30pm Social Justice Conference Room

Please join us for the **Parish Dinner** on September 22. Dinner will be served from 5-6:30pm. at the Joliet Center.

We remember in prayer *Betty Fuerst and Jerry Heim* whose funerals we celebrated this past week. **Let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.** (Rev. 14:13)

**Stewardship Report**

Received September 15, 2019.....\$10,043  
 Envelopes Received... 134 Weekly Need....\$13,400  
 Amount Budgeted Year to Date.....\$160,800  
 Received Year to Date...(July 1-Sept 15).....\$134,263  
 Retire the Debt (RED Fund).....\$596  
 Amount Needed for Loan #1781.....\$117,000  
 Festival Equivalency Budget.....\$35,000  
 Festival Equivalency YTD.....\$10,650

**From the Pastor**

Next Saturday, September 28, my cousin Allie is getting married in Springfield, Missouri, and she asked me to preach so I am headed down there to concelebrate the Mass and preach her wedding homily. Since Dcn. Steve preached this weekend, and I won't be around next weekend, I'll offer some thoughts on the Gospel in this space.

The Gospel parable which Jesus tells is one of the most difficult to understand, it is known as either the Parable of the Dishonest Steward or the Wiley Manager. Two things to keep in mind when listening to a parable, first is that parables contain multiple meanings, and second is that parables tend to say more about God than they do about us or about the human condition.

The manager in the parable was in a moment of crisis and asked himself a very important question: "What shall I do?" The word crisis in Greek (*krisis*) means a time of decision. Indeed, the manager reached a time when he had to make a decision because he saw where his life was heading. Namely, he was about to be dismissed. The question "What shall I do?" is the necessary response to the message of Jesus in Luke's Gospel (see the crowds to John the Baptist in Lk 3:10-14, the Rich Fool with the Harvest in Lk 12:16, the Lawyer asking about eternal life in Lk 10:25, the ruler asking about eternal life in Lk 18:18, and the crowds to Peter in the Acts of the Apostles 2:37).

The manager realized that he had to act immediately because of where his life was headed. Something bad was about to happen, and if he didn't do something immediately, a disaster awaited him. He did act. Jesus was not praising his dishonesty. Rather, Jesus is pointing out the importance of the initiative the manager showed by taking charge of his life and doing what was necessary to prepare for his future.

It is that kind of responsiveness that Jesus wants to see in disciples when it comes to our spiritual lives. When we realize our need to grow in faith, or to turn away from sin, then we must act on that need and we must do something to avoid a spiritual disaster or to pursue spiritual growth. Disciples don't just pray about what's going on in their lives, they also do something about it.

Some questions for further reflection:

- *What was the last crisis (financial, physical, relational) you experienced and how did you respond to it?*
- *What is a typical spiritual crisis that people experience today and what can they do in response to that crisis?*
- *What tempts you to be passive or non-responsive in your spiritual life?*

May God bless you this week as you pursue spiritual growth!  
*Fr Andy*

To honor our *Blessed Mother* we need volunteers to lead the rosary 1/2 hour prior to Saturday 4:15 & Sunday 9:30 Masses during October. Please call Liz Weber (847) 894-7982 or Becky Krapfl (563) 599-9139 for dates/ times still in need of leaders. Thank you!! *The Rosary Society*



## In Our Nativity Parish



The **Community of the Living Word** Prayer Group, is hosting an *"Evening of Renewal"* on Friday, October 4. Janine Idziak, Ph.D., will speak on the topic "Finding God's Direction in the Decisions of Our Time." Our evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with music, dinner and dessert at The Sisters of the Presentation Motherhouse, 2260 Carter Rd. Reservations are required. Please send your name, address & phone number with \$10 to *Community of the Living Word*, 531 East 22 Street, DBQ, IA 52001, by September 27. Call Deacon Jim Thill 588-2486, Char Boland 556-1368 or Sandy Radke 590-1239.

**From the Parish Nurse desk**.....Please call the office (563-582-1839) if you have a family member, neighbor or friend who is a fellow parishioner that could use my services. *Becky*

October is Respect Life Month. At Birthright of Dubuque, we believe it is the right of every woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. If you have this same passion for life, would you considering joining us in our work? We provide free, non-judgmental, confidential services to pregnant women in our community. To volunteer with us, please contact Angie Breitbach at 563-590-9064.



The **St. Joseph Key West Parish Festival** will be held Sunday, October 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 10270 Key West Drive. A full pork meal with all the fixings including homemade desserts will be served in the parish hall. There will be a raffle, bake sale, live music and lots of kids games and activities, including a petting zoo. Invite your neighbors and relatives to join in the fun!

## 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)



**Religious Education** has started. For those who have children attending public schools and entering grades K-10, please register online or call the faith formation office for more information.

**Holy Family Strategic Plan Community Input Sessions Date Change!** On May 28, community members gathered to review and offer feedback on initiatives geared toward fostering a community and culture built on the foundation of our Catholic identity. Next up: Recruitment and Retention of students. *Tuesday, September 3. Talent, Tuesday, September 24. All meetings will be held at Wahlert Catholic High School, 2005 Kane St. No registration is required.*

**Experience a new culture in your own home! Italian student seeks a host family for the 2019-20 school year.** Welcoming an international student into your home for a school year will not only provide the experience of a lifetime to that student but will also provide a tremendous opportunity to begin a lifelong friendship, broadening your family's world-view and appreciation for another culture. *If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Holy Family admissions office at 563-582-5456 or [admissions@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:admissions@holyfamilydbq.org).*

Come celebrate Dubuque's history through song! Join the Dubuque Chorale, their chamber choir Cadenza, and the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir for *Singing Dubuque's History*, a musical exploration of our city's storied past. This concert will be performed on Saturday, October 26th, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, October 27th, at 2:00 pm, at Five Flags Center, Tickets are \$15.

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend November 1-3 @ Coralville. Go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305

## Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of September 28 & 29

### Saturday @ 4:15pm

**Servers:** Jared Weber, M. & R. Garrett  
**Lectors:** Ruth Scheitzach, M. Resnick  
**Communion Ministers:** M. Berendes, D. Bisanz, J. Blocklinger, T. Boland, D. Brune, A. Burds, T. Stierman  
**Ushers:** C. Blocklinger (Capt), L. Nemmers (Capt), M. Becker, J. & J. Blocklinger, V. Rauch, R. Schmerbach  
**Sacristan:** Donna Bisanz  
**Musicians:** Susan White, Joan Bradley

### Sunday @ 6:30am

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

### Sunday @ 9:30am

**Servers:** Brock, Connor & Nick Moroney  
**Lectors:** Barb Nowacki, Ron Schlader  
**Communion Ministers:** Deacon S. Whiteman, C. & G. Herber, S. Hockenberry, M. Hoelscher, D. King, J. Kuhl  
**Ushers:** P. Mason (Capt), T. Mason, C. Berendes, T. Hoelscher, D. King, F. Pape, D. Reihle, T. Riedl, J. Rios  
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