

# 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.

**February 28, 2021**

## Sacramental Life

### WEEKDAY MASSES

M-F 6:30am  
Saturday 8:00am

### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Evening 4:15pm  
Sun. Morning 6:30 & 9:30am

### CONFESSIONS

M-F 7:00am  
Wednesday 6:00pm  
1st Sat. 7:15am  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

### Baptisms

By arrangement.  
Pre-Baptism Program  
Required. The next classes are  
6:30pm on April 26 and July 19.  
Please notify the office if you  
plan to attend.

### Weddings

Please notify parish office at  
least six months in advance to  
schedule wedding. Catholic  
party must give evidence of  
faith.



**1225 Alta Vista  
Dubuque, IA 52001**



**2nd Sunday of Lent**

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 1**

6:30am Jim Ryan

**Tuesday, March 2**

6:30am Special Intention

**Wednesday, March 3: St. Katherine Drexel**

6:30am Donna Wolfe

**Thursday, March 4: St. Casimir**

6:30am C.T. "Mike" O'Dowd

**Friday, March 5**

6:30am Paul P. Simon

**Saturday, March 6**

8:00am Kathleen Horsfield; Patrick McDonald Family

4:15pm Gary Lakeman

**Sunday, March 7: 2nd Sunday of Lent**

6:30am Nativity Parish

9:30am Joe Roe (Anv); Brian Gleason

### Parish Staff & Office Info

**Pastor**.....Fr. Andy Upah

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**Parish Visitor**.....Karen Leisen (588-1163)

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**Hours**.....8:30am-3:00 pm (M-Th) 8:30am-Noon (F)

**Parish Website** ....<http://www.NativityDBQ.org>

### Stewardship Report

**Received February 21, 2021** .....\$7,342

**Envelopes Rec'd** .....122

**Weekly Need** .....\$13,520

**Amount Budgeted Year to Date** .....\$459,680

**Received YTD (July 1-Feb 21)** .....\$449,239

**Retire the Debt (RED Fund)** .....\$626

**Amount Needed for Loan #1781** .....\$90,398

**Ash Wednesday Collection**.....\$518

**Mass Attend. (2/21):** 4:15 - 167; 6:30 - 87; 9:30 - 158

**Check out our website for resources and ideas for Lent!**

### From the Pastor

Lent is considered a penitential season. From our focus in our readings, to our prayers during Mass, to our communal abstinence from meat on Fridays, it seems that many things in our church life reminds us of the church's desire that we take on some acts of penance as we prepare for Easter.

I'd like to encourage everyone to seek out some penance by going to confession during Lent. The church asks us to go once a year, and this has been a difficult year to do that, but also a pretty necessary year to go and receive that forgiveness from God, and the grace to do better in the year ahead. And if you go with me, more than likely the penance won't be that bad!

A penance is like a small token to make up for what we have done. I like to describe it as cleaning up the mess. For instance, if a child spills some orange juice on the ground, their parents will forgive them, but the orange juice still needs to be cleaned up, right? That is basically what a penance does for us, it serves to clean things up, just a bit.

And if you have not been to confession in a long time, even longer than a year, please do not worry, I understand and will help you through it. No judgment if you can't remember the act of contrition either, the main thing is to say sorry for your sins, and I will walk you through that as well.

I put a picture of the confessional on the front of the bulletin, sometimes seeing the place helps us to be comfortable with it. We have been having confession in the cry room since May and it has been working well. There are more options than even what you can see for seating, please sit wherever you are most comfortable. Also, there is a behind the screen option, sitting or kneeling, in case that makes you more comfortable. The main thing is that you come and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. The times listed on the front. - Fr Andy

### Tonight!

### Parish Calendar

**Sunday, February 28**

7:00pm Date Night - Church

**Monday, March 1**

6:30pm Bible Study - O'Brien Room

**Tuesday, March 2**

6:30pm Consecration to St. Joseph Group - O'Brien Room

**Wednesday, March 3**

5:30pm Stations of the Cross - Church

6:00pm Family Holy Hour - Church

## At the Sunday Mass

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *[All strike their breast thrice]* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

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Knights of Columbus Councils #510, #10069, #5513 and #15813 will be holding their 16th Annual Baby Shower. The Baby Shower will run from February 17 -April 4. All donations will be given to Birthright. Donations can be placed in the baby crib on display at Nativity Church. A list of requested items (diapers, newborn outfits, blankets, etc.) will be available in the crib. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Note: text in *italics* should be recited by the congregation when the responses are not sung.

### Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 27:8-9

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

### First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." ...

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

*R./ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

### Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

### Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

### Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

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