

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.

April 4, 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

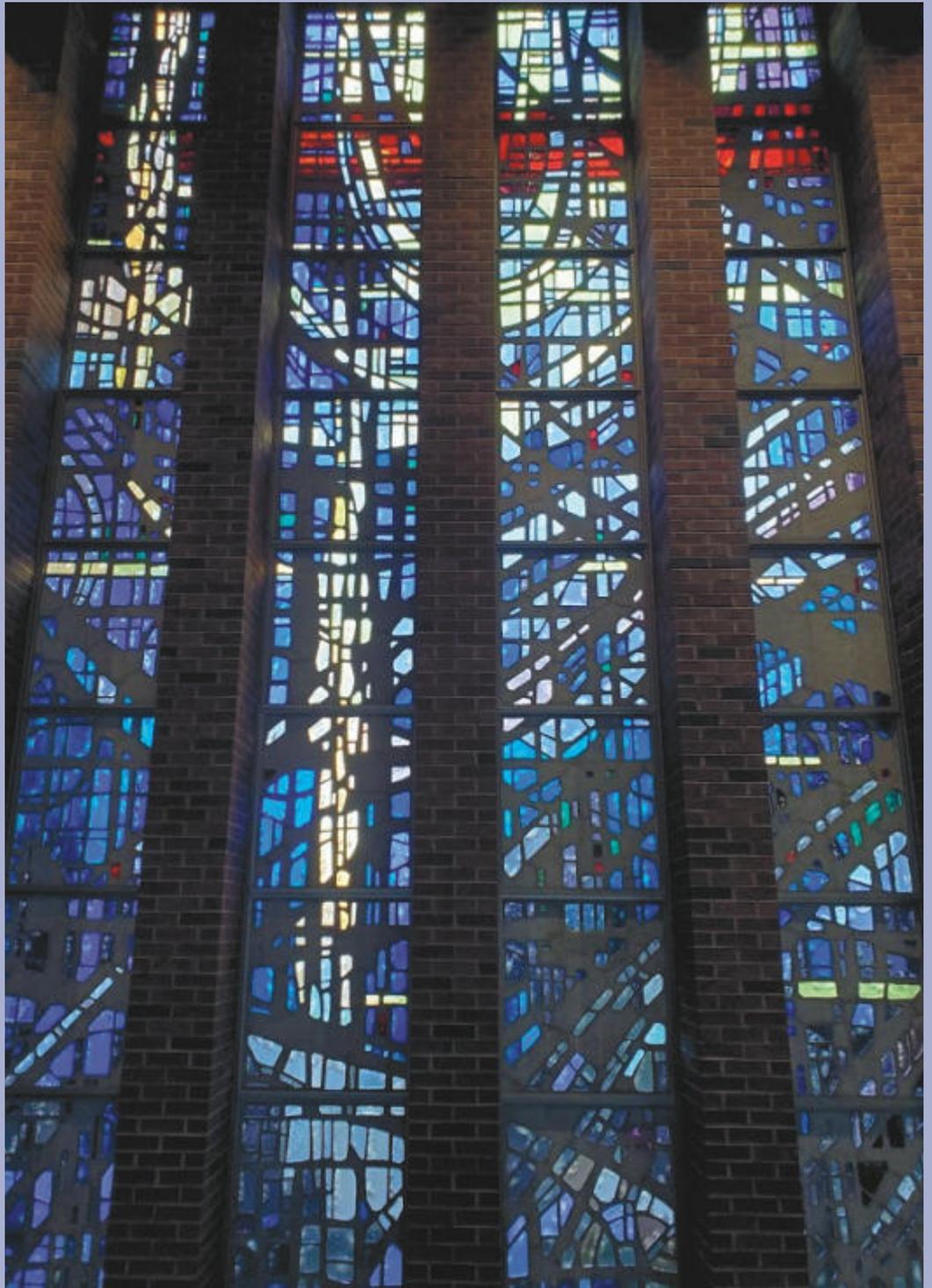
By arrangement.
Pre-Baptism Program
Required. The next classes are
6:30pm on April 26 and July 19.
Please notify the office if you
plan to attend.

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**



Easter Sunday

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 5

6:30am Jean Kean

Tuesday, April 6

6:30am Leonard Blocklinger

Wednesday, April 7

6:30am Ron Smith Family

Thursday, April 8

6:30am Burn Glab

Friday, April 9

6:30am Special Intention

Saturday, April 10

8:00am Edna Wolter

4:15pm Polly Mason

Sunday, April 11: Divine Mercy Sunday

6:30am Nativity Parish

9:30am Special Intention

From the Pastor

Happy Easter! I hope everyone is able to celebrate the Risen Christ with their friends and family this year, it is certainly an occasion for celebration. Jesus has won the victory over sin and death, and we praise God for unlocking the gates of heaven to us through His merciful love. As an even stronger reminder of God's mercy, Jesus gave us the devotion of Divine Mercy through Sr. Faustina in 1931. There are many parts to it, all specified in her diary: an image that she was asked to paint, the Chaplet of Mercy that we pray on rosary beads, and a feast day one week after Easter, with a novena that we can pray as well. In her diary she said, *"Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."* So here I am recommending it to all people, the Chaplet is a great thing to say every day, but I am encouraging everyone to come next Sunday, April 11 to the church for the recitation of the Chaplet at 3pm, in the context of a Holy Hour and for optional reconciliation; there will be four priests. - Fr. Andy

Parish Staff & Office Info

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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 March 28, 2021\$13,641

Envelopes Rec'd 121

Weekly Need\$13,520

Amount Budgeted Year to Date\$527,280

Received YTD (July 1-Mar 21)\$539,105

Retire the Debt (RED Fund)\$215

Amount Needed for Loan #1781\$89,398

Social Justice: \$421; India: \$655; Tanzania: \$223

Mass Attend. (3/28): 4:15- 205; 6:30- 141; 9:30- 190

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the KoC Baby Shower, many items were donated to Birthright

Cathedral Mass Time Change: For those who occasionally attend the Sunday evening mass at St. Raphael Cathedral, Dubuque, please be advised that there is no 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday (April 04) and thereafter the time changes to 5:00pm every week, beginning on Sunday, April 11.

In observance of **Divine Mercy Sunday** on April 11, 2021, there will be a Holy Hour from 3:00-4:00pm with Adoration and confession. All are welcome.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The new process for entering the Catholic Church through Nativity is called **Becoming Catholic**. Participants will meet as a group once a month on the second Sunday of the month beginning April 11. You can learn more at nativitydbq.org/rcia. If you're interested in getting involved as a participant, as a mentor, or on the team, please email Amanda at dbq057s1@dbqarch.org



Spiritual Adoption Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn child in danger of abortion. Your prayers can make a difference in the life and decisions of women who feel like they have no other choice. Look for these cards in church to remind you of your commitment.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, April 7

6:00pm Family Holy Hour - Church

Thursday, April 8 - Sunday April 11

Wahlert Kairos Retreat being hosted at Nativity

Sunday, April 11

3:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Confessions (no Mass)

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Birthright of Dubuque is looking for volunteers who are willing to give 6-9 hours a month to help ensure that "every mother has a right to give birth and every child has a right to be born." Volunteers welcome and assist women who call or come in for free pregnancy testing or who need other support throughout their pregnancy. Some volunteers help in other ways, such as sorting maternity and baby clothes, scheduling volunteers, cleaning the office, or performing clerical work. We are also looking for men or women to serve on our board, which is a commitment of 8 meetings a year. This is a great opportunity for those with limited time to volunteer but who have a desire to help with our cause and support our mission. We will train you for this volunteer service. If you are interested in this ministry, please email us at dubuque@birthright.org or call Angie Breitbach at 563-590-9064 for more information or to reserve a spot at our Volunteer Orientation on Saturday, April 17th, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Birthright Office.

At the Sunday Mass

Readings for Easter Sunday

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

Entrance Antiphon: Lk 24: 34; cf. Rev 1: 6

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead..."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R./ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon: 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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