

Notre Dame Parish

Cresco, Iowa

St. Agnes Oratory, Plymouth Rock and St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord;*

*my spirit rejoices
in God my savior."*

Luke 1.46-47



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Monday through Friday

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www.ndcschool.weebly.com

Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism Please contact the parish office to register for the required Baptism class, to schedule a Baptism or for more information. Next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **May 3, 2021**, 7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Saturday 3:15—3:50 p.m.; Sunday 9:15—9:50 a.m. or contact the parish office or email Fr. Jacob at: dbqrouse@dbqarch.org to schedule an appointment to celebrate this Sacrament of God's forgiveness.

Marriage Contact the parish office at least six months before intended wedding date.

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

It won't be long and the planting season will get underway. Gardeners and farmers will till the earth, the seeds will be dropped in, and the great cycle of death into life begins all over again. For we know that seed has to die in order to bring forth a plant which produces fruit. And as much as we know this to be true, we really don't understand it: how can the seed of a tomato produce such a marvelous plant? How can a kernel of corn produce a tall stalk with an abundant ear—in about a hundred days or so?

There should be cause for amazement here!

And there should be cause for even greater amazement that God can take the death of Jesus on an instrument of torture and shame and make that a source of healing grace for all humankind.

“ . . .and I—once I am lifted up from the earth
—will draw all to myself.”

It is only when we appropriate this selflessness of Jesus to ourselves that we begin to understand—just a little. When we die to self we begin to live—for God and others. Indeed, we can only come alive when our selfishness is turned to selflessness. We need to become that grain of wheat over and over again. Thank God, Lent and spring come around year after year.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Forgiven and strengthened by Christ, we are sent forth to sin no more.

Fr. Jacob will continue to live stream all weekday and weekend masses on his YouTube.
You can access it by logging into our parish website:
notredamecresco.com
scroll down on the home page and click on the YouTube icon
Please keep in mind that the Archbishop has continued the dispensation from attendance at mass until further notice so if you have any concern (including age, health, etc.) about attending mass in church, please stay home!

Monday, March 22 No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, March 23 Mass in church and livestreamed

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Juanita Grimm

Visitation at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m.

No 5:15 Mass or Stations

Wednesday, March 24 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe and Frank Schulte

Thursday, March 25- School Mass

School personnel and students only in church.

Public is invited to watch the livestream

9:00 a.m. +Donald and Marie Sebastian

Friday, March 26 –Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Norbert Keunnen

Saturday, March 27- Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Dec'd members of Steffen and Funke Families

EMs: Margaret Ward, Marlene Quinn, Becky McGee

Lector: Terry Duerre, Marlene Quinn

Servers: Carver Munkel, Cody Sobolik

Music: Pam Daley, Polly Jones

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Steve and Terry Duerre, Ethan Rice

Sunday, March 28- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Pat and James Fisher; Larry Conway

EMs: Boyd and Mary Turnbull, Connie Kepros

Lector: Boyd and Mary Turnbull

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Tom Mullen

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed

+Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach

EMs: Steve and Sheila Slifka, Jodi Dull

Lector: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Dee Hosek, Wendy Schatz

Ushers: Brad and Jodi Dull, Steve Slifka, Jerry Wilson

God promised to watch over and redeem us, and he does so each and every day.

Easter Flowers If you would like to donate towards Easter flowers, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with you name and the name(s) of those you would like remembered. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule: There is a liturgical schedule for the months of March and April available on the parish website. If you are willing to serve as an EM, Usher, Lector, Server or Musician during the upcoming months, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Decorah Deanery ACCW Stations of the Cross by Msgr. Cletus Hawes, along with Fr. Sean Smith. See link below or available under the ACCW heading on the Dubuque Archdiocesan website: <https://dbqarch.org/deanery-doings>

In Memory

Maxine Herold	Sanctuary Candle
Marie Kreitzer	Altar Bread
Urban and Mickie Drilling	Altar Wine
Arkie and Joan Kleve	Missalettes (March)

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

Parker Byrnes	Dianne Kovarik
Makiah Pierce	Dean Dietzenbach
Dorothy Barnes	Debra Winsell
Steve McCarville	Bill Rink
Arlene Kuennen	Al Reicks
Marian Wiltgen	Lori Schmitt
Leona Herold	Bill Smith
Pat Smith	Randy Smith
Paula Growden	Cole Christopher
Bob Stoker	Nancy Pecinovskiy
Monica McGee Newman	Liz Yount
Lavon Hyberger	Jim Dietzenbach
Don Neubauer	

Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Juanita Grimm**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

We clear the prayer list quarterly. Please contact the office at that time to have a name put on again if desired.

We are pleased to pray for the sick, if you would like to add a name, please call the parish office after receiving permission from the person to have their name published; however, to preserve space if a person has sufficiently recovered and can be removed from the prayer list, also please contact the parish office.

Ministry of Prayer Network: If you would like to serve on this Prayer Network, please email the office at: DBQ047S@dbqarch.org. When a request is received, you will receive an email asking for your prayers for the immediate need. If you have an urgent need for prayer, call the office at 563 547-3565 to activate the prayer network.

Stewardship of Offering

March 14, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,295.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,114.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 509.00

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Thank you from Catholic Charities These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2021 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give, go to: www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org

Custodian Position Available Full time custodial position available at Notre Dame. For more information, contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Pastoral Council will not meet in March.

Knights of Columbus: Every knight joins for a reason whether to grow in faith, to serve our communities or to protect those most in need. There is much work to be done in our world. Faith and Service are the reasons Knights of Columbus exists. We invite you to join us putting our Faith in Action. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus now till June 30th for free online. Use promo code McGivney2020.

Knights of Columbus: Catholic men come join us March 21st after the 10:00 a.m. mass for the Exemplification into the Knights of Columbus. 1st Degrees with this Exemplification receive 3rd Degree status.

Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Long John Silvers, Sue-Z-Q and Kwik Star. Gift cards are available for purchase at the parish office. Please call to order, 563 547-3565. *Scrip will be available in church the weekend of April 10-11 (note date change due to Easter).*

Check out our website: notredamecresco.com

You can now contribute to Notre Dame Parish through the website using your checking account or credit card. Also register as a new parishioner of Notre Dame Parish on the website. For more information, call the parish office.

Tuition Assistance Are you looking for a way to help our Notre Dame students afford a Catholic education either at Notre Dame School or through our Religious Education program? Donations to our Adopt-A-Student Fund are always welcome and appreciated. For more information, contact the parish office.

A big Thank You to all our advertisers listed on the back of the bulletin for their generous support. Please show your appreciation by patronizing these businesses.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every evening during Lent at 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KCZQ 102.3 FM.

Don Davis Good Samaritan Fund Donations are always accepted for this fund through Notre Dame Parish and will be deposited in the local Salvation Army account administered by CUSB. It will provide a centralized community resource for all Cresco area churches to refer requests for emergency financial assistance. For more information, contact the parish office.

Musicians Needed: If you would be willing to share your musical talent with your parish, Notre Dame Parish would appreciate volunteers for song leading and accompaniment. Please call the parish office.

Memorials/Bequests We are working to assure that Notre Dame Parish remains healthy and available to our children and grandchildren. You can help by remembering Notre Dame Parish in your estate plans and wills. It is a simple step, but one that will perpetuate the values and faith commitments we share.

Thank You

We are grateful for all the volunteers who offer their time and talent as good stewards for the betterment of the parish. This week we thank the Eucharistic Ministers.

We welcome Kurree Marie McCarville, daughter of Kelly and Samantha McCarville, who was baptized on March 13.



Drive Thru Swiss Steak Dinner, Immaculate Conception, North Washington on March 28, 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. \$12; raffles.

VFW Breakfast will be served March 21, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Cresco. Free will offering. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Beverage. Proceeds to be used for all local VFW Functions. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561.

Need Help With Your Heating Bill? The 2020-2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has been established to help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. You can complete applications by mail, email, phone, fax or online. Applications may be completed to April 30. For more information call in Cresco 563 547-4413; in Decorah 563 382-8436 ext. 150.

Accepting New Counseling Clients via Telehealth

If you know of anyone struggling with their brain health during this time, our Catholic Charities Counselors are accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at [563-588-0558](tel:563-588-0558) to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

The ACCW Decorah Deanery will be holding an election of officers on Tuesday, April 6, at 7PM at the Festina Parish Center. Mass will be offered at 5:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Church. All members of the deanery are invited to attend. A light refreshment will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Vulk, 563.380.8412 or javulk@yahoo.com

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You're invited to subscribe to the *Family Matters* e-newsletter, a monthly publication of the Archdiocese of Dubuque Family Life Office that is sent via email around the 15th of each month. The *Family Matters* e-newsletter includes information and inspiration to help you live your faith in your family. You may subscribe by emailing Lynne Chapman at dbqcfllsec@dbqarch.org (you may unsubscribe at any time). Questions or suggestions for content may be directed to Matt Selby, Director of Family Life at m.selby@dbqarch.org or 563 556-2580, Ext. 233.

A Lenten Blessing

May you walk with God this Lenten Season in whatever you do;
Wherever you go.

Walking with God means. . .
Walking with honesty and with courage,
Walking with love and respect
And concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this Lenten Season
And every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means. . .
Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times,
Asking God's help in all your decisions
Expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you Walk and Talk with God every day. Amen.

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