

Notre Dame Parish

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

*my spirit rejoices
in God my savior."*

Luke 1.46-47



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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 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

This is a remarkable Sunday on which we are invited by the Church to reflect on our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and on his trial, humiliation, and death.

We tend to think of these as very much opposites. The first scene we are presented with is the entry into Jerusalem. There is a sense of triumph and victory; there is the shouting of "Hosannas" and the waving of palm branches. The king comes into his city—the Lord and Master, the Son of the great king David. The second scene is the desolation of the trial and mockery and crucifixion. This seems anything but triumphant.

And yet the two events are not so opposites at a deeper level. Indeed, at a level below the appearances they are the same: the God of peace and reconciliation is bringing that peace through the one designated to do so: Jesus of Nazareth. The peace the Son of David brings is the triumph of forgiveness and non-violent love which is only effected by Jesus' death on the cross. The cross does not indicate defeat, but triumph. This Passion/Palm Sunday introduces us into a week long meditation of God' redemptive love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:32a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection by filling your home with his presence.

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 29 No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, March 30 No Mass

Wednesday, March 31 Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe and Frank Schulte

Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday (No morning mass)
Mass in church and livestreamed

7:30 p.m. +Frank Lorenzo

EMs: Connie Sindelar, Jodi Dull, Jessica Kapler

Lector: Bill Sindelar

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Ushers: Brad and Jodi Dull, Art Schwarzhoff,
Warren Steffen

Friday, April 2—Good Friday (No morning mass)

Service in church and livestreamed

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

EMs: Jim Truka, Sue Runyan, Julie Haskovec

Lector: Jim Truka, Sue Runyan

Servers: Tommy Mashek, Hadley Riehle

Music: Pam Daley, Suzanne Ollendick

Ushers: Ken Hubka, Cody Kerian, Joe and Julie Haskovec

Saturday, April 3 - Mass in church and livestreamed
Easter Vigil (No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

7:30 p.m. +Ireaneus and Catherine Moellers

EMs: Jed and Joyce Becker, Jessica Kapler

Lector: Jed Becker, Rylee Kapler, Jessica Kapler

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Katie Ferrie, Polly Jones

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Ray Schwarzhoff

Sunday, April 4- Mass in church and livestreamed
Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. +Rita Roberts

EMs: Connie Sindelar, Julie Haskovec, Mae Davis

Lector: Bill Sindelar

Servers: Claire Kach, Mason Regan

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, Marvin Lensing,
Ken Hubka

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

+Monica and Dell Reicks

EMs: Patty Elsbernd, Jodi Dull, Tracy Hart

Lector: Tracy Hart

Servers: Ava Daley, Noah Dietzenbach

Music: Dee Hosek, Deb Moellers

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Brad Dull, Jerry Wilson

Judas rejected Jesus. Pray for perseverance to stay close to Jesus always.

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.

In Memory

Louie and Mabel Balk

Sanctuary Candle

Andy Stika

Altar Bread and Wine

Marie Kreitzer

Missalettes (April)

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

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 21, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$10,923.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 6,042.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 746.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 365.00

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule: There is a liturgical schedule for the month of 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>

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

Divine Mercy Sunday Plan to join in on April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday: 2:30—3:00 p.m. in the parish hall will be a fun family event learning about Divine Mercy through story time, crafts, and of course... a Divine Mercy Sundaes! 3:00—4:00 p.m. in the church a Holy Hour including the Divine Mercy Chaplet, adoration and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.

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).*

St. Catherine Circle is collecting dues this year due to Covid. Letters have been sent. Your generosity is appreciated.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawls are available at the front entrance of the church and on the front porch of the parish office to anyone who is ill or going through a hard time and needs to know that someone cares about them. Feel free to pick one up to give someone. We have yarn available to pick up at the parish office for those who would like to make the shawls. Thank you.

Notre Dame Parish has a photo display of family members of parishioners who are actively serving our country in the military. It is our way to create awareness, channel prayer and support our military families and military personnel. If you have a family member who is actively serving in the military at this time and have not already given us a picture and you would like us to include them in our prayers, please drop off a small (3x5 or less) photo of them at the parish office along with their name and your relationship to them.

Stocks/Commodities Did you know Notre Dame Parish accepts stocks and commodities (grain) donations? Check with your tax professional to see what advantages are available to you by gifting appreciated stock and/or commodities directly to the church.

Journey & Healing: Trauma in Immigrant Communities A NEIPJC Panel Discussion via Zoom Wednesday, March 31st, 2020 6:00PM - 7:00PM Immigration is a difficult journey with several obstacles and experiences along the way. With these experiences, a prevalent number of common traumatic events are faced when immigrating and even after immigration. Join NEIPJC as three expert panelists provide experience in areas of victim services, academic and psychological research, as well as personal experiences of going through the immigration process. Registration information can be found by visiting neipjc.org/events.

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 Ushers.

We welcome Rowan Patrick McCabe, son of Dan and Amanda McCabe, who was baptized on March 20.



Candidates are needed for Notre Dame Pastoral Council and Notre Catholic School Board. If you are willing to share your time and talents with Notre Dame, please contact the parish office for more information, 563 547-3565. Thank you!

Notre Dame Parish is pleased to offer you the opportunity to have your contributions to the parish automatically withheld from your bank account. If you would like to take advantage of this convenience, please call the parish office, 563 547-3565.

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

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

Mobile Food Pantry Tuesday, April 6, 5:00—6:30 p.m. Featherlite Bldg—Howard County Fairgrounds. Please note that you can only attend 1 MFP per month. If you are in need of food assistance, please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. For more information contact NEIFB at 319 235-0507 or Cindy at 719 237-6102 or 563 547-2108. Sponsored by Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Diaper Drive April 10-25. Join in collecting new diapers and wipes of any size and brand to donate to local pregnancy centers and food pantries. You may drop them off at the Notre Dame Parish Office. Sponsored by Holly Schmitt and Kalissa Schmelzer, students at South Winneshiek High School and parishioners of St. Aloysius, Calmar.

March for Life Saturday, May 1, St. Benedict, Decorah. 10:00 a.m. Mass; 10:30 a.m. Music and Sign Making; 12:00 p.m. Speakers; 12:45 p.m. March; 1:30 p.m. light lunch. Most pro-life events are held in January around the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision but May 1 was chosen for this event to honor Mary the Mother of Jesus standing up for the unborn. Sponsored by Holly Schmitt and Kalissa Schmelzer, students at South Winneshiek High School and parishioners of St. Aloysius, Calmar.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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