

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.

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Our tendency (well, mine, anyway) is to think of and celebrate Easter as that remarkable wonder God did for Jesus in raising Jesus from the dead. Easter tends to be a remembrance feast: we remember God was faithful to Jesus who was faithful to God; and God brought Jesus out of the grip of death into new life. For us followers of Jesus Christ there is indeed cause for celebration here.

Limiting our celebration to this perspective is not unlike the remembrance days we have for the great past leaders of our nation: for example, we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We remember their notable contributions to our country and give thanks that they were so smart and brave and dedicated. It is good for us to do this remembrance.

Easter, however, is meant to be more than a remembering of what happened to Jesus. Easter is a celebration of what is happening to us, in and through the Risen One. At Easter, new members of Christ's church are born in the water and the Spirit. And we older members are reborn as we renew our own baptismal promises. The Risen One pours out His resurrection life on the Church.

Every Easter is a new beginning of living the new life in Him Who is risen from the dead. Easter remembers, certainly, the new life given to Jesus. But above all, Easter is new life given us from the Risen One.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Alleluia! Jesus is raised to die no more. Let us rejoice and live for God in Christ. Alleluia!

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, April 5 No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, April 6 Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Clair Svestka

Communal Anointing following Mass

Wednesday, April 7 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Betty Moen

Thursday, April 8—School Mass

School personnel and students only in church

Public is invited to watch the livestream

9:00 a.m. +Margaret McConnell

Friday, April 9-No morning Mass

10:00 a.m. Funeral for Wayne Carolan

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

Saturday, April 10 - Mass in church and livestreamed

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Cody Bergan and Whitney Bohr

4:00 p.m. +Leonard Macal

EMs: Becky McGee, Marlene Quinn, Lisa Kimball

Lector: Marlene Quinn

Servers: Carver Munkel, Awnan Skoda

Music: Joe Wacha, Carol Foley

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Adam and Aidan Skoda,
Jim Murphy

Sunday, April 11- Mass in church and livestreamed

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

EMs: Janet Andera, Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Lector: Roger Kleve

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Margaret Sobolik, Jamie Fisk

Ushers: Art Schwarzhoff, Tony Roberts, Warren Steffen
Cody Kerian

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

+Ashley Lucas and Angie Hyke

EMs: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Sue Runyan

Lector: Sue Runyan

Servers: Noah Dietzenbach, Hadley Riehle

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach Family

Divine Mercy Observance Sunday, April 11. See insert for more details.

Let your daily life be a song of praise to the God from which our life comes.

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.

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Sanctuary Candle

Art Svestka Altar Bread

Mary Jane Hudson Altar 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	

Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Harold Hovey**, brother of **Sadie Thraenert**. Eternal rest grant unto him, 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 28, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 6,346.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 5,331.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 363.00

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Lost: A ring was lost in the church last weekend. If you found it, please turn it in to the parish office. Thanks!

Finance Council will meet on Tues., April 6, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Cornerstone will meet on Wed., April 7, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame Church. All Religious Education students and parents are to attend either in person or watch livestream.

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 Sundae! 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. *See bulletin insert for more information.*

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!

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.

Rosary Program - Our Lady (*Notre Dame*) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. The rosary is so powerful, and carries with it so many graces. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed on any piece of paper and drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. Monthly totals will be published in the bulletin. Rosaries, along with instructions on how to pray the rosary, and tally slips can be found in the News and Literature stand in the church entry. Total rosaries prayed in March: **476**. *Notre Dame, pray for us.*

Easter Series "*This is My Body*" A Series on the Eucharist. Notre Dame Parish answers Your Questions about the Eucharist. The series will be presented in the church from 4:00—5:00 p.m. on the following 4 Sundays discussing the following topics: April 18 "In Remembrance of Me"; April 25 "Universal Church"; May 2 "Everlasting Food: and May 9 "To All the Nations". *See bulletin insert for more details.*

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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 Lectors.

We welcome Taylor Reicks and Natasha Ryan who joined Notre Dame Parish during March. If you are new to the area or have graduated from high school and have not registered in the parish, you are invited to join Notre Dame by contacting the parish office or checking out the parish website: notredamecresco.com

Custodial positions available at Notre Dame. Full time or part-time. For more information, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.

During the Easter season, we are called to open our hearts to others! Are you being called? CASA Advocate volunteers are greatly needed for children in our local area who need a voice to stand up for them and their best interests. For more information about becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate, you can email: kerry.brennan@dia.iowa.gov or find more information about this opportunity at <https://childadvocacy.iowa.gov/>. I look forward to hearing from you!

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 Dolours 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.

An Easter Prayer

Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,
I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith
that so much of me remains entombed.
Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.
Help me to roll away this stone
and find the miracle of new life
that I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen.



"THIS IS MY BODY"

AN EASTER SERIES ON THE EUCHARIST



NOTRE DAME PARISH ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS!

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
EUCHARIST AND HOW TO EXPLAIN IT TO
YOUR FRIENDS?**

During this Easter season, we are going to meet four times in the church and answer your questions about the Eucharist! Submit your questions anonymously by using the QR code below! You can also drop them off at the Parish Office (116 3rd St E) either in person or utilizing the mail slot in the front door.

We will meet from 4-5PM in the church each Sunday listed. There will be FREE CHILDCARE provided in the parish hall for potty-trained children of those in attendance.



TOPICS & DATES

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
(APRIL 18)**

This session will focus on the basic questions about the Eucharist.

**UNIVERSAL CHURCH
(APRIL 25)**

This session will be led by Pascal Gumisiriza, a fellow Catholic from Uganda.

**EVERLASTING FOOD
(MAY 2)**

This session will focus on the more difficult questions about the Eucharist.

**TO ALL THE NATIONS
(MAY 9)**

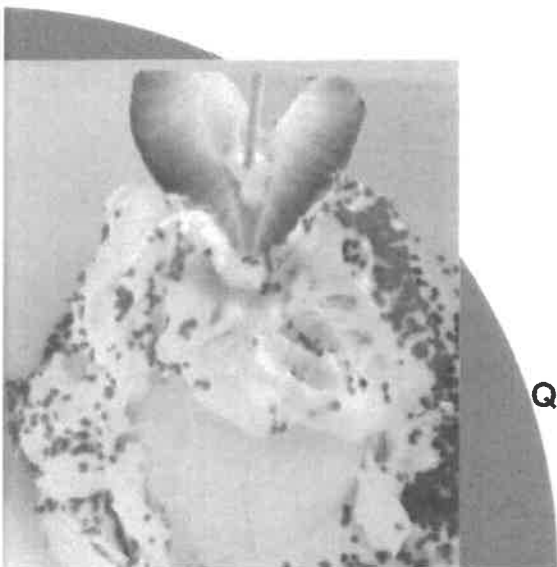
This session will focus on how we can share our faith with others.



Divine Mercy Sunday

2:30-3:00PM (Parish Hall)
Join us for a fun family event
learning about Divine Mercy
through story time, crafts,
and of course...a Divine Mercy
Sundae!

3:00-4:00PM (Church)
Join us for a Holy Hour featuring
Scripture, reflection, adoration,
chaplet and reception of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



APRIL 11, 2021

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