

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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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.

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Then he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit. . ."

The resurrection of Jesus brought him into a new life—a way and mode of being he did not enjoy before. For example, one of the amazing things he could now do was to be present in a room with friends even though the doors to the room were locked. We hear of this twice in today's gospel story.

But going through locked doors or walls is minor stuff compared to what the risen Jesus was capable of doing.

Reference is made in the gospel story about Jesus "breathing" upon those gathered in the room. This is a deliberate attempt on John's part to hearken us back to the Genesis story of creation: how God breathed on a piece of clay and a human being was created. In other words, Jesus is now empowered with the very power of God to give life, to create something new. The risen Jesus is a life-giving spirit; just like God. This is something new!

It was so astounding the disciples—and then Thomas in particular—could hardly believe it. But they did believe—gradually—and began to live out of that belief (the Acts reading speaks of some rather dramatic lifestyle changes which took place).

The risen Jesus still breathes upon the Church the life giving power he now has. It helps our belief in him as risen if we see lives that are lived with newness and freshness; lived in joy and in peace. These are some of the signs of resurrection people.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Alleluia! The road to God is the path of righteousness, the way to lasting joy. 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!

Sunday, April 11

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Observance family event (Hall)

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Monday, April 12 No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, April 13 Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Virgil Baumler

Wednesday, April 14 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Kay Reinhart

Thursday, April 15—School Mass

School personnel and students only in church

Public is invited to watch the livestream

9:00 a.m. +Darlene Hellman

Friday, April 16—Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Judy Mahr

Saturday, April 17 - Mass in church and livestreamed

11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Monica Reicks

4:00 p.m. +Darrell and Michaelleen Riehle

EMs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Margaret Ward

Lector: Ethan Rice

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Margaret Sobolik, Polly Jones

Ushers: Jim Murphy, Ray Schwarzhoff,
Dave and Robin Sobolik

Sunday, April 18- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Monica Reicks

EMs: Joyce Kapler, Frank and Donna Ryant

Lector: Roger Kleve

Servers: Mason Regan

Music: Katie Ferrie, Deb Moellers

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Marvin Lensing

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

First Communion—if you are not involved with First Communion, please attend a different Mass or watch the livestream

+Arkie and Joan Kleve

Music: Melanie Vobr, Deb Moellers

Other ministers from the families of the First Communion class

4:00 p.m. Easter Series Program to be held on April 18, 25, May 2 and 9

Today, more than ever, we need to pray for the light to know the will of God. . . For the love to accept the will of God. . . for the way to do the will of God.

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

Dale Webb

Sanctuary Candle

Tieskotter Family

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

Don Neubauer

Bill Smith

Pat Smith

Randy Smith

Paula Growden

Cole Christopher

Bob Stoker

Nancy Pecinovsky

Monica McGee Newman

Liz Yount

Lavon Hyberger

Jim Dietzenbach

David Gosch

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Eleanor Burke**, mother of Kenny and John Burke. 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

April 4, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,618.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 696.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 786.00
Easter:	\$ 7,891.00

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

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.

Sewing Circle will meet on Mon., April 12, 2:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

First Communion Practice will be held on Wed., April 14, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame Church.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., April 14, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame School Media Center.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., April 15, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

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!

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”.

Rejoice; For He is Risen! An Easter Season Bible Study running from now until Pentecost. Each week we’ll be reviewing the readings for the upcoming weekend. Attend either of two sessions held weekly, 7 pm Wed or 1 pm Fri in the meeting room at A&W/Long John Silvers. Choose the time and day that works best for you. Study questions for discussion will be available for those interested who want to go the extra step and get more out of the study. Optional study guides available for purchase. Open to anyone interested in hearing more about the weekend readings. No need to pre-register. No fees, just show up. For info contact Duane Heit at 563-419-2385 or duaneheit@yahoo.com

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, Atomic Pizza 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).*

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.

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

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 those who make the prayer shawls.

We welcome Brandon Nathaniel Burt who was received into the church on April 4.

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!

VFW Breakfast will be served April 18, 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.

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God’s mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God’s healing grace.

St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ’s sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles’ Creed.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:
“Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:
“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:
“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

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