

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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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.

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Two habits of the heart are part of the American culture: one is a spirit of rugged individualism, the other as spirit of communitarian cooperation. These two habits tug at us, vying for our allegiance at different times and situations in our lives. How to be independent and yet a strong, active member of a community are matters not easily solved.

As American Christians—members of Christ in a society—our tugging gets even more complex. We need to be aligned with Christ; need to be close to Him and to our brothers and sisters in Him as we are moving truly on our journey to God. "Without me you can do nothing," he says. He means, in this case, nothing profitable for our life in God.

So Jesus says we are all like a grapevine: life in and with God courses through the whole vine because of the power of God given through Christ. As long as we stay on the vine we have the life of God in us. Cut off from the vine—to try to go our own, individual, way—simply will not work for us. In fact, the life of God in us will die if we try to "go it on our own."

In very simple terms, we need to belong actively to a faith community in order to belong to Christ. The "me and Jesus" approach to religion just doesn't work. Growth in God's life can only happen when we grow together, drawing strength, nourishment and energy from our source—the risen and glorified Christ.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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, May 3 No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, May 4 Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Marshal Dusheck

Wednesday, May 5 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Russell O'Donnell

Thursday, May 6—School Mass

School personnel and students only in church

Public is invited to watch the livestream

9:00 a.m. +Marian Haskovec

Friday, May 7-Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Betty Moen

Saturday, May 8 - Mass in church and livestreamed

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

EMs: Lisa Kimball, Marlene Quinn, Jill McConnell

Lectors: Marlene Quinn, Ethan Rice

Servers: Carver Munkel, Awnan Skoda

Music: Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Gretchen Laub, Anna Mae Christianson

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Adam and Aidan Skoda, Ray Schwarzhoff

Sunday, May 9- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Dwayne and Phyllis Hauber

EMs: Chuck and Sanna Feldman, Connie Sindelar

Lectors: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Tony Roberts

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

+Arkie and Joan Kleve

EMs: Patty Elsbernd, Jed and Joyce Becker

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Brad and Jodi Dull, Jerry and Wanda Reicks

4:00—5:00 p.m. Easter Series Program to be held on May 2 and 9 in the Notre Dame Church. This week, May 2, Fr. Jacob will focus on the more difficult questions about the Eucharist.

We have to love until it hurts. It is not enough to say, "I love." We must put that love into a living action. And how do we do that? By giving until it hurts.

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

In Memory

Pat Fisher

Sanctuary Candle

Stan and Kathleen Humpal

Missalettes (May)

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 Pecinovskiy

Monica McGee Newman

Liz Yount

Lavon Hyberger

Jim Dietzenbach

David Gosch

Craig Church

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 25, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$10,923.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 4,387.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 6,231.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 309.85

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Custodial positions available at Notre Dame. Anyone 16 yrs. of age or older looking for full time or part-time position, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Baptism Class: If you are expecting a baby or preparing to have your child baptized and have not attended a Baptism Class in the past three years, you need to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism takes place. Please note this class is offered 4 times a year. Please plan accordingly to attend a class before the date you wish to celebrate the sacrament. The next class will be held on **Monday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.**, Joseph Room. Please call the parish office to register, 563 547-3565.

Easter Series "This is My Body" A Series on the Eucharist. The series will be presented in the church from 4:00—5:00 p.m. May 2 "Everlasting Food: and May 9 "To All the Nations". Free childcare in the hall for potty-trained children of those in attendance.

Ministers of Care will meet on Tuesday, May 4, 4:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Thank You to everyone who is willing to share their time and talent with Notre Dame by running for either Notre Dame Catholic School Board or Notre Dame Pastoral Council. See enclosed **Sample Ballot**. Elections will be held next weekend, May 8-9. *If you will not be in church next weekend, please contact the parish office to vote during the week.*

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 May 1-2.*

A BIG Thank you to everyone who helped with making the noodles for the Fair Stand. Your help was greatly appreciated!

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. Contact us at 563-588-0558 to be connected to one of our licensed professionals

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.

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

Thank you to everyone who donated diapers for the diaper drive. We have donated them to our local food pantry.

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 Baccalaureate Committee.

Congratulations to our Notre Dame Parish Class of 2021:

Kayla Birdd	Treyton Burnikel	Ashley Ferrie
Gabe Grabau	Carter Henry	Alexis Hoppe
Justin Kerian	Amanda Lievano Hernandez	
Ashton McConnell	Kade Munkel	Kaylee Ollendieck
George Prochaska	Aaron Randak	Hannah Shelton
Landon Simiele	Tristin Thompson	Mary Turnbull

Year of St. Joseph and the Year of the Family To celebrate these two occasions, please find children's activity booklets in the front entrance of the church for your child(ren) to enjoy.

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. Rosaries prayed in April: **260**. *Notre Dame, pray for us.*

Catholic Charities is the social service organization of the Archdiocese of Dubuque responding to persons in need and working to achieve justice in our society. Through their ministries such as Affordable Housing, Counseling, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Ministry, & Refugee Resettlement, they advocate for and serve individuals and families to reduce poverty, strengthen families and empower communities. Please like their Facebook page @CatholicCharitiesDubuque, visit www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org or call 1-800-772-2758 for more information.

Mobile Food Pantry Tuesday, May 4, 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.

Ladies are invited to join a Zoom gathering of Women Caring for the Land on Sunday, May 2, at 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces! Our guest speaker is Marilyn Pecinovsky of Cresco on "Beekeeping." At our last Cresco meeting, we ran out of time and didn't get the whole presentation, and we had so much positive feedback about this subject. To join the Zoom Meeting, email caroldowe@gmail.com and/or call Carol Dowe 250-752-2104 to receive the Zoom link.

For Sale: 32" stove from the Fair Stand. Contact the parish office for more information.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

God, you said, Let there be light. And there was light.

Jesus, you said you would be raised on the third day.

And you have risen!

Jesus, you say, Do not be afraid. We are not afraid.

Lord, you are the resurrection and the life,

Forever and ever.

Amen.

NOTRE DAME PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – April 22, 2021

The April 22, 2021 meeting of the Notre Dame Pastoral Council was called to order by Frank Ryant. The group joined in reciting the Prayer and Parish Mission Statement. Present were: Fr. Jacob Rouse, Frank Ryant, Jim Truka, Tom Kleve, Maryln Shores, Keith Wherry, Duane Heit, Brian McConnell, Mike Drees and Joye Meyer. Absent: Patti Guyer.

The minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Joye Meyer made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as presented, seconded by Mike Drees. Motion approved by consensus. The agenda was reviewed. Maryln Shores made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Tom Kleve. Motion approved by consensus.

Brian McConnell reported on the March 25 Liturgy Committee meeting. The group reviewed Advent and Christmas liturgies. Music for funerals was discussed and decided to honor family requests. Environment for Holy Week and Ordinary Time was discussed. Fr. Jacob reported on the Cornerstone (Rel. Ed.) program.

Social Justice Committee: The next meeting will be held in June. Tom Kleve did report that legislature is moving forward toward offering a vote on legislation to ban abortions in Iowa. Meals on Wheels program will resume with home deliveries in June. Notre Dame Parish will deliver meals in July.

Community Life Committee: Next Circles of Faith meeting will be May 17.

Duane Heit reported on the Faith Formation Commission meetings held on March 18 and April 15. The school is still requiring masks when six foot distancing cannot be maintained. The theme and activities for Lent were reported. Lt. Godman is presenting the Eddie Eagle Program to the students. May crowning will be held May 6. The Cornerstone theme was reported. Next year's themes and objectives are being worked on. Confirmation was held on March 14 with 32 students confirmed. First Communion was on April 18 with 17 students receiving First Communion. Youth summer activities are being planned. Totus Tuus has been scheduled for July 25-30. Moving with Mission groups are going well. The Easter Series is underway focusing on the Eucharist. A report was given on RCIA. Membership on the Faith Formation Commission was discussed. Divine Mercy activities went well. The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held on May 3. "Senior Spotlight" will be featured on Facebook again this year. Duane is conducting an Easter Season Bible Study which is going well and having good attendance.

Mike Drees reported on the Catholic School Board meetings held on March 10 and April 14. The Board approved their budget for 2021-22 with a shortfall due to Covid factors including having a certified teacher to offer extra help to students as well as not increasing tuition for 2021-22 school year. The parish/school is still looking to hire either full or part-time maintenance help. Lasagna Supper/Auction was the highest net income year. The alumni appeal met its goal. A report on SCRIP was given. It was noted the following percentages are generously donated to our school by the participants in the SCRIP program: A&W 10%; Ace Hardware 10%; Casey's 3%; Fareway 3%; Fisk Farm & Home 5%; Dollar Fresh 3%; Kwik Star 5% plus rebate on in store purchases; Pinter's 3%; Subway 5%; Sue-Z-Q's 10%; and Atomic Pizza 5%. Lenten theme and activities were reported. STO applications were due by April 15. Staffing for 2021-22 was discussed. Projected Preschool student numbers are lower for the upcoming school year. As this program is subsidized by the public school, these lower numbers will affect our income. Golf tournament is scheduled for July 16. 5K will likely be held in early August. ISASP Testing and Fast Screening will be held. Strategic Planning meetings are being held with the coordinator hired by the Archdiocese. Upcoming field trips dates were shared. 6th Grade graduation will be held on May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Committee meeting was held on April 19, 2021. Faith Formation reported on Divine Mercy activities. Easter Series is underway. Baccalaureate will be held on May 2. March Reverse Collection was very good. Cash donations have also been received and are welcome. A diaper drive is currently underway for local pregnancy centers and food pantries.

The October Stewardship Renewal program was reviewed. Approximately 41% of parishioners returned their commitment cards. An April mailing will not be done as a Lenten mailing went out in Feb. and the Fair Stand Sign-Up Sheet will go out in May. The July mailing will include a report on the Fair Stand; update on church restrictions and invite more people to be liturgical ministers and to participate in person at the liturgies. A report was given on the Don Davis Good Samaritan Fund. Gas cards have been purchased and \$500 donated to the Fund at CUSB.

Maryln Shores reported for the Finance Committee April 6th meeting. The Council reviewed the financial reports for February and March. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will take on more responsibility for the upkeep of the property. Phil Walker has taken over as Head Custodian. A full or part-time maintenance employee is needed. The parish office roof bid has been accepted. The lasagna supper/auction and donations had a total profit of \$26,747.81. SCRIP program was discussed. The school has reviewed the FAST math data and has scored above average. Projected enrollment for 2021-22 is 165 students. Due to Covid there will not be a tuition increase for 2021-22; therefore, there will also not be a wage increase to base salary for teachers. However, two benefits (bereavement pay and reimbursement for teaching license renewals) have been added to the teachers' contracts. A FEMA grant has been applied for to reimburse Notre Dame for PPE and cleaning supplies needed due to Covid. A generous bequest was received by the parish in March. \$14,000 of this bequest has been set aside to pay for the parish office roof shingling; a portion was used to pay off some parish debt; and a portion was put into the parish savings account. The Pastoral Council discussed the Finance Council's recommendation to invest \$50,000 of the bequest to open a Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of Dubuque (CFAD) Organization Endowment Fund.

"I make a motion to approve the Finance Council's recommendation to start a CFAD Organization Endowment Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 as a memorial of the bequest" was made by Brian McConnell, seconded by Fr. Jacob. Motion approved by consensus.

2021-22 budgets were approved by the Finance Council and forwarded to Pastoral Council for review. "I make a motion to approve the 2021-22 parish and school budgets as presented by the Finance Council" was made by Jim Truka, seconded by Mike Drees. Motion approved by consensus.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – No report.

Emergency Management Committee (EMC) – No report.

Fr. Jacob remarked how pleased he is with the Cornerstone Program and explained how the 3 yr. program themes will coincide with planned adult programs. Parents of students leading the school mass and/or activities will now be allowed to attend. The Priests' Council will be meeting to discuss a timeline for completely opening up masses and parish activities keeping in mind people's safety and Archdiocesan regulations. Fr. expressed his gratitude for a competent school board and leadership. Confirmation and First Communion went well. The Easter Series is underway as well as the Bible Study. Fr. is excited to be involved with the Fair Stand for the first time this year. He is planning to donate a crucifix to hang in the stand. In addition to offering Reconciliation prior to weekend masses, he is also offering Reconciliation before the Thursday School Mass.

Pastoral Council and School Board Elections will be held the weekend of May 8-9. A sample ballot will be included in the May 1-2 bulletin. The Pastoral Council will count the ballots on Mon., May 10, 5:00 p.m.

The Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair will be held June 21-27. Notre Dame will also have the Moo Mobile on June 23. A sign-up sheet will be mailed in early May.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for May 27 in the Joseph Room.

Mike Drees made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fr. Jacob. Motion approved by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Frana,
Recording Secretary

Sample Only

NOTRE DAME PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION VOTE FOR 2



Mary Larson and her husband, Harlan, have been members of Notre Dame for 11 years. They have three adult children, Christina, Michael and Ericka. They previously belonged to St. Stephen's in Chester where she was involved as an organist, CCD instructor, Altar and Rosary Society; assisted with Sweet Corn Days and Annual Soup Supper. At Notre Dame she is a lector, EM, Sacristan and has served on the Faith Formation Commission. She has served as an EMT/First Responder; worked for RSHC and Country Winds Manor. "I served on the Notre Dame Parish Faith Formation for 2 terms and held the offices of secretary, vice-chair and chairman. As Chair, I attended the Parish Council meetings and learned first hand what their mission and duties were. It was very humbling to come from an Oratory/closed church to this vibrant Parish and active members. A lot of the activities that make this fine parish function are done behind the scenes. Bulletins do not stuff themselves, altar linens do not wash themselves nor do they change themselves to be the correct color for the time of the liturgical year. Notre Dame has many volunteers who serve in many capacities all for the good and well functioning of our fine parish. Other members who transferred from St. Stephen's brought their leadership abilities to Notre Dame's Parish Council, Faith Formation and the Finance Council. It takes a well informed team to make an organization function well and I would like to be a part of that team. Notre Dame Parish is a very "gorgeous" Catholic Church which has our faith well displayed on its walls and sanctuary—Coronation of our Blessed Virgin Mary. I would be honored to receive your vote to Parish Council. Thank you."



Brian McConnell has been a lifelong member of the parish and is completing his first term on Pastoral Council. He and his wife, Jill, have two daughters, Molly and Elle. Brian has been a member of the Cresco Fire & Rescue Department for 28 years, Notre Dame Parish Finance committee member for 6 years, Notre Dame School Board member for 6 years, serves as an usher and a member of St. Blasé Church Circle. "As I am completing my first term on Pastoral Council, I feel serving on the parish council gives me an opportunity to give back to the parish and continue the important work of our parish. I feel I have essential experience to offer with my previous terms on the Notre Dame Finance Council and Notre Dame School Board."



Pat Pinter has been a member of the parish since 1976. She has one son, Shane, and his family. She has served on the Rosary Society and now is currently Secretary for the Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith. She also serves as a Committee Chairperson, Funeral Committee Chair and is involved with the Moving with Mission Group. She wants "to become more involved and help out where I can."



Joe Wacha has been in the parish 41 years. During this time he has served as a past Parish Council member, past RCIA instructor; currently is a member of the Liturgy Committee, is a music minister and a choir member. In the community he is President of the Cresco Community Theatre; member of the Howard County Fair Board and is retail manager at Plantpeddler. "I feel I could add to the already great job the Council is doing, adding a little of the past history of our parish and building on the future of Notre Dame."

Sample Only

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION VOTE FOR 3



____**Erin Daley** and her husband, Matthew, have three children, Ava (11 years old), Liam (10 years old) and Preston (7 years old) and have been members of Notre Dame for 11 years. Erin currently serves as the School Board President. She holds a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Iowa State University. She currently works at Northeast Iowa Community College, where she develops and maintains community and business partnerships to decrease barriers to education while working to fill the workforce demands across an 8 county region. "I have enjoyed serving on the school board for the last 4 years. I feel like my experience in Educational Leadership has been and will continue to benefit our students, staff and faculty. My passion to be innovative and forward thinking in the education sector continues to drive my participation on the board and create opportunities for our children to receive high quality religious education."



____**Ashley Graham** has been in the parish over 15 years. She is married to Ryan and she has 5 children. She participates in Growing Families Meal Ministry and is involved in her children's activities. "All of my children have/are/or will be attending the Catholic School and I am a member of the Catholic Parish."



____**Katie Holzer** is a lifelong member of the parish. Her husband, Jarad, and her have two children, Caleb, age 12, 6th grade and Dawson, age 10, 4th grade. Katie attended Notre Dame School as a child. She has served on the Notre Dame Fair Day committee, worked at the Fair Stand, helped volunteer at the Lasagna Supper, helped organize the A&W fundraiser, and has served one term on the Notre Dame School Board and currently serves on the SIAC committee. "I have enjoyed serving on the Notre Dame School Board the last three years and would like to continue to contribute to the quality religious education for our students. My children have had a wonderful education at Notre Dame and I would like to help others receive that same experience."



____**Alanda Meyer** is a lifelong member of the parish. Her husband, Brandon, and her have two children, Sam, age 7 and Jameson age 4. She has served on the parish Faith Formation Commission and is currently involved with Family Ministry, co-chair of the Lasagna Supper and Auction; and co-chair of St. Andrew's Circle. She is also Treasurer of Kessel Kids Board. "My boys are currently enrolled in 1st grade and Preschool at Notre Dame School. I believe it is a great school with a wonderful learning environment. I want to be a part of that to help continue this excellence along with helping it to further succeed."



____**Ashley Reicks** and her husband, Eric, have three children, Owen, age 9; Aiden, age 8 and Aubrey, age 6. Ashley made her First Communion and was confirmed at Notre Dame. She is an active volunteer in her kids' classrooms at Notre Dame. She has also subbed for Preschool. She was an employee in the lab at RHSHC for 6 years. She was a teacher's associate at How-Winn High School for a year as well as worked at the after school program during college. She is currently employed as the accounting and HR manager at the local Dollar Fresh. "Throughout all of my involvement with our local youth and adolescents I have become fond of helping young minds solve problems and think outside the box. I hope to continue to be a part of the journey of expanding young minds to be problem solvers not test takers. I think that my education (Associates Degree in Medical Laboratory Science and Bachelors Degree in Human Services) and experience can be of use to a group of people such as the school board. I would also like to think of myself as an energetic and positive energy that can help make pro-



____**Kyle Teeling** and his wife, Jenilee, have been at Notre Dame for 2 years. They have 5 children. Kyle works at RHSHC, is on the Kessel Kids Board and is a youth basketball and softball coach. "I like to participate and be involved in the community and particularly in programs where my kids are involved. I also have experience being on other boards and community groups and can share that knowledge and experience."

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