

# *Notre Dame Parish*

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*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



## **Rev. Jacob Rouse Pastor**

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**9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Monday through Friday**

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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 **Aug. 2, 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](mailto: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 9, 2021*

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;  
1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17*

Factions and frictions within Christian communities are not matters that have come about only recently. To say thus would be naïve in the extreme. It would be like saying large families live in total harmony and peace with one another and always have. We know that is not the case. Heck, it is very difficult for two people—husband and wife, for example—to live harmoniously. To say nothing of a large family; to say nothing of a parish.

This preface is to introduce an ever recurring theme in the gospels and epistles: love one another. Jesus had to tell that to his disciples over and over again. And those disciples who founded churches in Jesus' name had to tell their members over and over—love one another.

This constant emphasis on loving one another says a couple things: one is that mutual love is critically important; a second is that it is hard work. It's just a whole lot easier (so it seems) to slip into slipshod neglect of one another. Love demands work and care and attention and time and respect. It's easy to ease back and let relationships slip.

These Sundays of the Easter season remind us over and over again that love is the real power which overcomes hatred, sin and even death. And we are also reminded that the Spirit of the risen Jesus lives in us, enabling us to love as He has loved. We need those reminders just as much as did the original believers.

*Next week's readings:  
Feast of the Ascension*

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20*

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](http://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 10 No Mass**

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

**Tuesday, May 11 Mass in church and livestreamed**

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Joe and Peggy Rouchka

**Wednesday, May 12 Mass in church and livestreamed**

8:00 a.m. +Sheri Conlan

**Thursday, May 13—School Mass**

School personnel and students only in church

Public is invited to watch the livestream

9:00 a.m. +Kay Reinhart

**Friday, May 14—Mass in church and livestreamed**

8:00 a.m. +Bernard and Ruth Reicks

**Saturday, May 15 - Mass in church and livestreamed**

4:00 p.m. +Mabel Balk

EMs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Mary Larson

Lectors: Mary Larson, Terry Duerre

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Harlan Larson, Suzanne Ollendick

Greeters: Don and Lois Recker

Ushers: George Sobolik, Steve and Terry Duerre, Jim Murphy

**Sunday, May 16- Mass in church and livestreamed**

8:00 a.m. +Susan (Morgan) Reiss

EMs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Jim Truka

Lectors: Jim Truka, Roger Kleve

Servers: Claire Kach, Mason Regan

Music: Carol Foley, Suzanne Ollendick

Greeters: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Ushers: Art Schwarzhoff, Warren Steffen, Ken Hubka Dick Jones

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

+Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family

EMs: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Jodi Dull

Lectors: Jed Becker, Nita Hackman

Servers: Tommy Mashek, Ava Daley

Music: Joe Wacha, Suzanne Ollendick

Greeters: Marjette Fitzgerald, Audrey Hyke

Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Brian McConnell Richard McConnell

**4:00—5:00 p.m. Easter Series Program** to be held on

May 9 in the Notre Dame Church. This week, May 9, our

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

We are pleased to welcome Sister Carla Popes, Leandra Hubka, Brian and Michelle Midthus and Fr. Jacob Rouse.

*A little child has no difficulty in loving, has no obstacles to love. And that is why Jesus said: "Unless you become like little children you cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

**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.

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Sanctuary Candle

Mary Jane Hudson Altar Bread

Art Svestka Altar Wine

Stan and Kathleen Humpal Missalettes (May)

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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	Craig Church
Debbie Wolf Wilkins	

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **John Langreck**, father of Nathan Langreck; brother of Gary Langreck and Dar Skoda. Eternal rest grant unto them, 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](mailto: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

May 2, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 2,651.50
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 666.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 352.75

*Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God's people?*

**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.*

**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 9 "To All the Nations". Free childcare in the hall for potty-trained children of those in attendance.

**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. Elections will be held this weekend, May 8-9.

**Sewing Circle** will meet on Monday, May 10, 2:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

**Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

**Catholic School Board** will meet on Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame School Media Center.

**Blessing of Seeds** The Feast of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers, is May 15. In honor of St. Isidore, please bring a packet of seeds to mass next weekend as a symbol of all the seeds planted to receive a special blessing and pray for good crops this year.

**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

**Totus Tuus 2021** will be held July 25-30. Join us for a week long Catholic summer camp for just \$5/per student or \$15/family! Grades 1-6 July 26—30th 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.; Grades 7-12 July 25-29 7:00—9:15 p.m. More information and registration at <https://notredamecresco.com/totus-tuus>. T-shirts available for additional \$15—must order by June 20.

**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 June 5-6.*

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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 members of the Social Justice Committee.*

**We Welcome Adam and Kelsey Nelson and Arthur and Terri Brennan** who joined Notre Dame Parish during April. 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 our parish website: [notredamecresco.com](http://notredamecresco.com)

**Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair Sign-Up Sheets** were mailed this week. Please take a minute and fill out when you will be able to help with this worthwhile and fun parish project! Returning the sign-up sheet by May 30 will save a phone call. Thanks!

**Rolicky** will be made for the Food Stand at the Fair on Monday, May 24, 8:00 a.m., Notre Dame Church Hall. Your help will be appreciated!

**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.

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

**Mother's Day Dinner** Sunday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. McAllister Catering & Carryout. Served by the Cresco Kiwanis Club. Call 563 380-3146 for reservations for large groups but not required. Menu: Roast Beef, Ham, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable Salads and Desserts. Dine in on upper level; Carry out on lower level. Adults \$15; Ages 6-10 \$9; Ages 3-5 \$5; 2 and under free.

**Layette Supplies** are needed. If you like to shop at garage sales, please look for layette items new or in good condition and bring them to the parish office. Layette items include: cloth diapers, diaper pins, plastic pants, undershirts or onesies (newborn or small) gowns, sleepers (newborn or small), receiving blankets, sweater or jacket (newborn or small), baby soaps, bibs, booties, socks, caps, small stuffed toys (no plastic eyes). Cash donations are also welcome.

#### **A Blessing for Mother's Day**

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us.

We thank you today for the gift of our mothers. We give thanks for our mothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love. We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your blessing upon the mothers who are unable to be with us here today. May they know how much we love and care for them.

We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs, and give them a secure home.

And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, war and violence that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be mothers but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your blessing upon all mothers and mother-figures in our lives. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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