

# 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



## Rev. Jacob Rouse Pastor

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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.

June 6, 2021

## *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*"Today a theme worthy of particular praise is put before us—the living and life-giving bread that . . . was given to the twelve at table during the holy supper."*

Three great feasts in a row serve as an introduction to the Sundays of Ordinary Time. The Easter time closes with Pentecost; followed immediately by Trinity Sunday and then today's feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (what used to be called Corpus Christi). It would seem the Church serves us dessert before we get to the main course. (There is an old quip about eating dessert first because we don't know whether we'll make it through the meal. Maybe the Church is following up on this).

St. Thomas Aquinas gave us a hymn of praise and wonder at the mystery which is the Eucharist. In plain words he says we "cannot understand this. . ." yet faith leads us to believe the wondrous mystery that under the signs of bread and wine the risen Jesus gives us Himself to be our spiritual food: ". . . the bread of angels is become our spiritual food. . ." All of this prefigures the heavenly banquet where we will share the fullness of God's life forever.

There is indeed much cause for praise and rejoicing on this great feast!

*Next week's readings:*

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

*When you are shown your weaknesses, take heart and be confident in God's strength.*

**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, June 7 No Mass—Pray for our country.**

**4:00—7:00 p.m.** Visitation for Adrian Schatz in the church

**Tuesday, June 8 Mass in church and livestreamed**

**11:00 a.m.** Funeral for Adrian Schatz and Joe Schatz  
Visitation an hour before

**Wednesday, June 9 Mass in church and livestreamed**

**8:00 a.m.** +Kay Reinhart

**Thursday, June 10 Mass in church and livestreamed**

**9:00 a.m.** +Larry Baumler

**Friday, June 11-Mass in church and livestreamed**

**8:00 a.m.** +Betty Moen

**Saturday, June 12 - Mass in church and livestreamed**

**4:00 p.m.** +Vince Thraenert

**EMs:** Marlene Quinn, Becky McGee, Terry Duerre

**Lectors:** Ethan Rice, Marlene Quinn

**Servers:** Awnan Skoda, Cody Sobolik

**Music:** Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

**Greeters:** Anna Mae Christianson, Pat Korsmo

**Ushers:** Adam and Aidan Skoda, Dave and Robin Sobolik

**Sunday, June 13- Mass in church and livestreamed**

**8:00 a.m.** +Bill and Martha Hosek

**EMs:** Frank and Donna Ryant, Connie Sindelar

**Lectors:** Bill and Connie Sindelar

**Servers:** Claire Kach, Mason Regan

**Music:** Katie Ferrie, Deb Moellers

**Greeters:** Bart and Julie Wilson

**Ushers:** Nick, Ava, and Audrey Ferrie, Ken Hubka

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

+Kellie Riehle

**EMs:** Steve and Sheila Slifka, Tracy Hart

**Lectors:** Brian and Michelle Midthus

**Servers:** Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

**Music:** Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

**Greeters:** Jerry Wilson, Marjette Fitzgerald

**Ushers:** Steve Slifka, Jerry Wilson,  
Don and Kris Dietzenbach

*Once you know the purpose of life, everything else falls into place.*

**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.

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

### In Memory

Arkie and Joan Kleve                      Sanctuary Candle

Art Svestka                                      Altar Bread

Ireaneus and Catherine Moellers  
Missalettes (June)

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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
George Willis	

### Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Dick Ollendieck**; and **Adrian Schatz**. 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.*

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### Stewardship of Offering

**May 30, 2021**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,467.96
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 5,301.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 402.50

*The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."*

**Finance Council** will meet on Tues., June 8, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

**Catholic School Board** will meet on Wed., June 9, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Media Center.

**Bible Study** reviewing the weekend readings will be led by Duane Heit on the following dates and times: June 9 and June 16. 8:30 am in the Joseph room of the Parish Office building and 7 pm at A&W Long John Silvers. Choose either time to attend, no need to pre register, no required homework.

**Reverse Collection** will be held the weekend of June 12-13. Take a tag, buy the item and return it to church to be donated to the local food pantry.

**Meals on Wheels Sign Up** will be available the weekends of June 12-13 and 19-20 to deliver meals in July. Your help with this worthwhile project will be appreciated.

**Altar Servers** If you have received your First Communion and would like to become an altar server, please contact the parish office

**Howard County Bible Reading Marathon** For the 6th year in a row, the entire bible will be read, cover-to-cover at Beadle Park June 18-20 from 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.. Readers can show up for a 30 minute reading assignment. Just show up to receive a 30 minute reading or two or contact Duane Heit at [duaneheit@yahoo.com](mailto:duaneheit@yahoo.com) or Facebook BibleReading-Marathon-Howard County, IA

**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.

**Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair Sign-Up Sheets** were mailed. Please take a minute and fill out when you will be able to help with this worthwhile and fun parish project! **Your help is needed—please call the parish office to volunteer to help a shift or two! Thanks!**

**Cutting up chicken** for the Fair Stand soup will be done on Mon., June 14, 8:00 a.m., Notre Dame church hall.

**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.*

**Save the Date!** Notre Dame Catholic School's Tee Time for Technology will be held on Friday, July 16, 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Sign up sheets available in the front entrance of the church and at the parish office and on school website.

**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. 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](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) now till June 30th for free online. Use promo code McGivney2020

### **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 rosaries.*

**Ministry Workshops** will be held on June 14 and 15 (note date change) for all current and new ministers. You may attend either evening. Training for the following ministries will be as follows: EMs at 6:00 p.m.; Lectors at 6:30 p.m.; Ushers at 7:00 p.m. and Sacristans at 7:30 p.m. Servers, Musicians, Greeters and Host families will be contacted separately. If you would like to serve as an EM, Lector, Host Family, Greeter, Server, Usher, Sacristan, and/or Musician, please contact the parish office.

**The ND Parish Rosary Program** began March 10, 2019. The Parish Rosary Program is simple, just tally the number of rosaries prayed and drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. If your family says the rosary together, multiply it by the number of people praying! Never has there been a greater need for prayer. Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the rosary every day, for peace, for the intentions of the Holy Father, and especially for those in need of God's mercy. Rosaries for May: 499. Let's all say "Yes" to Our Lady!

**Annual Service at Florenceville Methodist Church** at Florenceville, IA will be held on June 6th at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

**Pro-Life meeting**, Tues., June 8, 10:15am, St. Benedict Parish Hall, Decorah. All are invited. Questions, call Mary Eileen at 563-382-4715

**Congratulations** to Ben G. Snyder, a seminarian at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He will be ordained a Deacon on June 12. Parents are Jamie and Michelle (Kneeskern) Snyder, Grandparents are Wayne and the late Gert Kneeskern (former parishioners) and Great Aunt, Sherry Wolf Sherfy.

**CASA Event:** Please join us for the Light of Hope virtual fundraiser event on Monday, June 7th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This event will increase awareness of child abuse in Iowa, raise money to help support our volunteers that do amazing work for these children, and inspire guests to become child advocates or become involved in some way. Register for the virtual event at: <https://iowacasafriends.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/northeast-iowa-light-of-hope-monday-june-7-7-00-8-00-pm-virtual-event>

**Companions on the journey** - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to attend our Monastic Experience July 16-22, 2021. We hope to give participants a more in-depth experience of our way of life. There will be daily input on prayer, monastic life and discernment, as well as time for personal prayer and faith sharing. There is no cost to attend. Participants must be fully vaccinated before attending. To learn more, please visit [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org). To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or email [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org).

*"Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me.*

*I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly if I am.*

*It will be holy if I am.*

*Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.*

*It will do great work if I work.*

*It will be prayerful if I pray.*

*It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.*

*Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."*

## NOTRE DAME PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – May 27, 2021

The May 27, 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, Patti Guyer, Brian McConnell, Mike Drees, Joye Meyer and Joe Wacha. Absent: Keith Wherry and Duane Heit.

The minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Joye Meyer made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as presented, seconded by Brian McConnell. Motion approved by consensus. The agenda was reviewed. Tom Kleve made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Jim Truka. Motion approved by consensus.

Results of the elections: Brian McConnell (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Joe Wacha (1<sup>st</sup> term) were elected and welcomed to the Council. Erin Daley (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Alanda Meyer (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Kyle Teeling (1<sup>st</sup> term) were elected to Catholic School Board.

Liturgy Committee will meet on June 3.

Social Justice Committee will meet on June 1. Meals on Wheels delivery will begin in June with Notre Dame delivering meals in July.

Joye Meyer reported on the May 17 Circles of Faith meeting. The committees will begin serving funeral dinners again and will re-evaluate in August if they will continue when school (hot lunch) begins. The fabric curtain inside the Tabernacle is being replaced. The outside of the Tabernacle will be cleaned. The parish received a grant for maintenance of the Fair Stand and work is in progress.

Fr. Jacob reported on the May 20 Faith Formation Commission meeting. The school report noted masks were now completely optional. The Cornerstone lessons and activities are being developed for next year. Themes will dictate all faith formation programs and events. Next year's themes are "Jesus Christ's Mission in the Church" and "The Paschal Mystery". A parish wide Bible reading challenge will be conducted July – Aug. A Back to School concert is planned for Aug. 21. Bible study is going well and will continue in June. Restrictions and dispensation will be lifted in the church on June 5-6. Fr. Jacob will continue to livestream till August. Moving with Mission will be having an open house on July 13. A Youth Choir is being organized. Other programs were discussed including "Bible, Beer and Brats" and "Theology on Tap". A scavenger hunt is currently underway. Totus Tuus will be held in July. The church doors will be unlocked during the day in the summer. The "This is my Body" series is now available on Fr. Jacob's YouTube. Fr. Jacob discussed options for evangelizing at the Fair Stand.

Mike Drees reported on the Catholic School Board meeting held on May 12. Deb Moellers submitted her resignation effective June 30. Katie Holzer was appointed to serve the remainder of Deb's term. Mini Carnival was not held this year. A report was given on testing; Kindergarten Visitation Day; STO applications and awards; outstanding tuition; Strategic Planning Committee; school calendar and staff needs for next year. The Catholic School Board Constitution was reviewed by the Pastoral Council. Mike Drees made a motion to approve the Constitution as presented, seconded by Jim Truka. Motion approved by consensus.

The next Stewardship Committee meeting will be held Sept. 20.

Maryln Shores reported on the Finance Council May 11 meeting. Financial reports were reviewed. The parish and school income and expenses are on tract with budgeted amounts. A CFAD has been opened in the amount of \$50,000. Enrollment in the school for next year was discussed. The ND golf outing will be held July 16 and the 5K the end of July or first of Aug. The school has completed their ISASP and FAST testing. Pat Pinter has accepted the appointment to the Finance Council to fill the vacancy as Mary Ann Neuzil's term has been completed.

Buildings and Grounds Committee met on May 19. The roof on the parish office is finished. Fr. Jacob's garage door has been fixed. Other maintenance items were discussed and committee members volunteered to gather information. Steve Slifka has agreed to serve on this committee.

Emergency Management Committee (EMC) – No report.

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. An update on the Fair Stand maintenance and preparations was given.

Thank you to Frank Ryant for serving two terms on the Pastoral Council.

Patti Guyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maryln Shores. Motion approved by consensus.

Fr. Jacob called the meeting of the 2021-2022 Pastoral Council members to order.

Election of officers was held. Maryln Shores made a motion to nominate Jim Truka for Chair, seconded by Brian McConnell. Motion approved by consensus. Joye Meyer made a motion for nominations to cease, seconded by Brian McConnell. Motion approved by consensus. Jim Truka accepted the nomination.

Brian McConnell made a motion to nominate Tom Kleve for Vice-chair, seconded by Patti Guyer. Motion approved by consensus. Joye Meyer made a motion for nominations to cease, seconded by Brian McConnell. Motion approved by consensus. Tom Kleve accepted the nomination.

Brian McConnell made a motion to nominate Joye Meyer as Executive Secretary, seconded by Jim Truka. Motion approved by consensus. Tom Kleve made a motion for nominations to cease, seconded by Patti Guyer. Motion approved by consensus. Joye Meyer accepted the nomination.

Committee appointments: Liturgy, Joe Wacha; Buildings and Grounds, Jim Truka, Brian McConnell, Keith Wherry; Social Justice, Tom Kleve; Community Life, Joye Meyer; Emergency Management Committee, Keith Wherry, Joye Meyer. Representatives come to Pastoral Council from Faith Formation; Catholic School Board; Stewardship and Finance Council.

Authorization of signatures on parish accounts: A motion to authorize signatures on the Notre Dame Corporation Bank Accounts of Pastor, Fr. Jacob Rouse; Principal, Katie Schmitt; and Pastoral Council Chair, Jim Truka, was made by Joye Meyer, seconded by Maryln Shores. Motion approved by consensus.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2021 in the Joseph Room.

Fr. Jacob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Truka. Motion approved by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Frana,  
Recording Secretary

Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith Meeting --- May 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Joye Meyer with a Hail Mary.

Officers Present: Joye Meyer, Donna Ryant, Pat Pinter, and Terry Duerre

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Elaine Kleve motioned that the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Pat Gosch. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Suzanne Ollendieck made a motion to approve the report as printed, seconded by Joyce Jirak. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussion was held concerning future Circles of Faith Monthly projects and funeral dinners. Once school is out, we will do funeral dinners if the family requests -- (sandwiches, salads, desserts) for the summer months and re-evaluate at the August meeting before school starts again. The next Funeral Committee is #4, Saturday Committee #1.

New Business:

The fabric curtain inside of the Tabernacle is being replaced. The outside of the Tabernacle will be cleaned.

Fair Stand: The parish received a grant and will be using those funds for maintenance and up keep for the Fair Stand. The work is in progress -- anyone who would like to assist with the finishing touches, please contact the Parish Office.

The next meeting is August 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Terri Duerre made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Suzanne Ollendieck. The meeting was adjourned with an Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Pinter, Recording Secretary



*Totus  
Tuus  
2021*

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July 26-30th  
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**Grades 7-12**

July 25-29th  
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