

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 **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 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.

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

Rejection is something that no person likes. To be rejected brings the pain of loss and loneliness, and can result in a severe decline of self-worth. We so much want approval that even well applied correction can be perceived as rejection: this is especially true for children.

The readings today say a great deal about rejection. The prophet Ezekiel was told he would be rebuffed by the hard hearted Israelites (and he was). Paul talks about feeling neglected by, if not almost rejected by, the Lord who let Paul deal with his internal demons. And Jesus is criticized, scorned by, and made fun of by his very own neighbors.

Since he was fully human as we are, Jesus felt very badly about this negative treatment. He knew he could do little for these people, even though he tried to do so. He took his labors elsewhere. At least at this point in his ministry he found it a better tactic not to hold his ground too tightly. That same tactic can serve us well in many tense and negative situations.

Next week's readings:

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

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

Welcome back to attending Mass in church
The church is fully open

Monday, July 5 No Mass

Pray for vocations

Tuesday, July 6

No Mass. Pray for all who are sick.

Wednesday, July 7

No Mass. Pray for those affected by Covid.

Thursday, July 8

No Mass. Pray for our country.

Friday, July 9

No Mass. Pray for our church.

Saturday, July 10 - Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Deceased members of the Notre Dame High School Class of 1970: David Billmyer, Don Biwer, Bill Burke, Dave Dusheck, Danny Mullen, Larry Jones, John Langreck, Norma (Potter) Melton, Jim Vogt, and Bob Zak.

EMs: Joyce (Hubka) Becker, Kathy (Reicks) Tentis, Sister Del Marie

Lectors: Duane Ollendick; Michaelleen (Barnes) Swanson

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: Pam Daley, Deb Moellers

Ushers: Tom Barnes, Lester Hyke, Jerry Moellers, Jim Murphy

Sunday, July 11- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Gene and Judy Mahr

EMs: Connie Kepros, Frank and Donna Ryant

Lectors: Roger Kleve, Carol Foley

Servers: Claire Kach, Mason Regan

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Warren Steffen

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

+Clair Svestka

EMs: Steve and Sheila Slifka, Sue Runyan

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Ava Daley, Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: John Schatz and JoAnne White

Ushers: Brian McConnell, Richard McConnell, Brad and Jodi Dull

God Bless America!

St. Agnes Oratory Annual Mass will be held on July 31, 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ministry Workshops. If you were not able to attend, you may watch the livestream at <https://youtu.be/KDkOqel3Tek> Also handouts for Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors and Sacristans are available on the parish website under Liturgical Ministry or by contacting the parish office. If you would like to become a Liturgical Minister, please call the parish office. A new schedule will be compiled in July to begin in August

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Sanctuary Candle

Glenn Hyke Altar Bread

Angie Hyke; Ashley Lucas Altar Wine

John Gosch Missalettes (July)

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	George Willis
Arlene Kuennen	Elias Zweibahmer
Craig Church	Andrea Pecinovsky Atkinson
Carol Chihak	

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

June 27, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,072.50
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 5,301.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 617.00

This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

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 month of 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. **Note:** New schedule will be compiled in July to begin in August.

Notre Dame Parish Food Stand and Moo Mobile at the Howard County Fair were a great success! Thank you to all who supported the stand by your donation of pies or money, worked at the stand, made food, ate at the stand, bought a malt on Wednesday, cleaned or painted the stand or donated towards the stand in any way! More details to follow.

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 August 7-8.*

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.

Rosary Program - Our Lady (*Notre Dame*) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. Monthly totals will be published in the bulletin. Rosaries for June: **175.** *Notre Dame, pray for us.*

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette will preach the annual parish mission appeal next weekend.

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. "They went forth and preached everywhere" (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people," echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, Tanzania, the Philippines and most recent, Mozambique. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

Information on Speaker: Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, MS

I was born in India, and spent the first four years after ordination working in the Philippines. I have been ministering in the USA for over 20 years; first I was in ministry of education and formation of seminarians and then in pastoral ministry. I am now Director of the La Salette Mission Center since January 2011, where my goal is to bring awareness of the universal church and raise funds for La Salette Missionaries working in poor and underdeveloped mission countries. It will be my pleasure to speak to you about the mission activity of the Church and the La Salette Missionaries.

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 Circles of Faith Circle Chairpeople.



We welcome Brynleigh Alice Wenzel, daughter of Tanner and Lauara Wenzel, who was baptized at Notre Dame on June 26. **We congratulate Tanner Wenzel** on receiving his First Holy Communion and Confirmation on June 26.

We welcome Jared Gragert and Samantha Weigert, who joined Notre Dame Parish during June. 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

Notre Dame Catholic School has the following openings for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Upper Elementary Teachers (Grades 4 and 5)
 - Full time paraprofessional for upper elementary
- For more information contact Katie Schmitt at Notre Dame School.

Pro-Life meeting, Tuesday, July 6, 10:15am, St. Benedict Parish Hall, Decorah

Moving With Mission Potluck: Moving With Mission is a Notre Dame supported community of small groups made up of women of all ages. It was started a few years ago and has grown into a collection of groups that meet regularly! Moving With Mission has two simple goals: daily prayer and community. Each group meets regularly to journey with one another through life, marriage and motherhood. EVERYONE is invited to a Pot Luck on Tuesday, July 13th at Kessel Lodge to meet current members, their families and learn more about this new growing program. Gather at 6pm and Father Jacob will lead with dinner prayer followed by our newly organized youth choir and a brief explanation of the benefit of these groups followed by dinner and fellowship at the park.

Catholic Sisters from 24 congregations in four states have launched a yearlong, live-streamed conversation series on social justice issues. Titled "Exploring Intersections: Catholic Sisters on Racism, Migration and Climate," the series focuses on a different social issue in a thought-provoking and engaging conversation each month. The July episode focuses on human trafficking and will air live on Zoom at 3 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, July 14. Register for this event at <https://www.exploringintersections.org>. All episodes are recorded and available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/exploringintersections>. "Exploring Intersections" is a project of Region X of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR).

Supporters of NE Iowa Peace & Justice Center are welcomed to attend and experience Hostile Terrain 94, on exhibit now in the gallery located inside Dahl Centennial Union on the Luther College campus. Individuals and groups of up to 5 are welcomed. Weekly appointments throughout July are being accepted online via this form (<https://form.jotform.com/211376131262143>) where you'll be able to pick from the available days and times. Requests for additional availability are welcome and should be sent to Dr. Crider at cridde01@luther.edu

Fourth of July Prayer

Dear Lord,

We remember today how blessed we are. We remember with gratitude, all who sacrificed and gave their lives so we could have the freedoms we enjoy today. We pray for our country and our leaders.

We pray for revival, repentance, renewal, healing and restoration for our country. May the changes we want to see begin with each of us. May we humble ourselves before you.

May we live with the same faith, courage and convictions as those who founded and fought for our nation.

We pray for all who wish to harm our country and we humbly ask for your blessing to be on the U.S.A.

In the name of Jesus we ask these things. Amen.

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