

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 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

There is a certain kind of rhythm in life we need to respect. There is a time for activity and a time for rest. A time for engagement in the affairs of business and enterprise and a time for withdrawal from same (we call it vacation). It is ironic that as more and more labor saving devices are invented to save labor at places of work and at home, people are spending more and more hours laboring. Both executives and laborers are expected to work longer hours. Fifty, sixty and seventy hour weeks are not uncommon these days. Very often after such a hectic pace at work, the leisure time of such people becomes just as frenetic. The rhythmic balance of work and rest is getting lost.

Today's gospel is a wonderful instruction for all of us. One must grant the narrow interpretation that Jesus was inviting his co-workers, in the mission of spreading God's Kingdom, to take time off. But I believe that his advice to them can be applied to any folks who find themselves too busy. Some of these days of summer are meant to be used for doing nothing. May we all have time to do just that, and take time to do it.

Next week's readings:
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-5

Offer God all your words and all your actions. Everything for God.

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 19 No Mass

Pray for vocations

Tuesday, July 20 Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Dale Webb

Wednesday, July 21 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Norbert Kuennen

Thursday, July 22 Mass in church and livestreamed

9:00 a.m. +Betty Moen

2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans +Tillie DeWalle

Friday, July 23-Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Pat Fisher

Saturday, July 24 - Mass in church and livestreamed

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Eric Carolan and Alisha Andera

4:00 p.m. +John Gosch

EMs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Marlene Quinn

Lectors: Terry Duerre, Marlene Quinn

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Pam Daley, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Anna Mae Christianson, Pat Korsmo

Ushers: Steve and Terry Duerre, Ethan Rice, Jim Murphy

Sunday, July 25- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Jenna Simon

EMs: Boyd and Mary Turnbull, Mae Davis

Lectors: Boyd and Mary Turnbull

Servers: Claire Kach, Mason Regan

Music: Katie Ferrie, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Mae Davis, Janet Andera

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Tom Mullen

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

+Don Hrdina

EMs: Tom and Connie Frana, Sue Runyan

Lectors: Jed Becker, Sue Runyan

Servers: Noah Dietzenbach, Ava Daley

Music: Dee Hosek, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Jerry Wilson, Audrey Hyke

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Brian McConnell,
Jerry Wilson

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be a living expression of God's kindness.

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

Marie Kreitzer Sanctuary Candle

Mary Jane Hudson 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 Pecinovskiy Atkinson
Lindsey Sponsel	Bill Smith
Pat Smith	Randy Smith
Paula Growden	Carol Chihak
Liz Yount	Lavon Hyberger

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

July 11, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 2,807.59
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 666.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 472.75

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

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.*

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., July 20, 7:00 p.m. KC Room in church.

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>.

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.*

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 August 2, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church. Please register online at notredamecresco.com or call the parish office to register, 563 547-3565.

Musicians Needed: If you would be willing to share your musical talent with your parish, Notre Dame Parish would appreciate volunteers for song leading and accompaniment. Please call the parish office

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawls are available at the front entrance of the church and on the front porch of the parish office to anyone who is ill or going through a hard time and needs to know that someone cares about them. Feel free to take one for yourself or to give to someone else. We have yarn available to pick up at the parish office for those who would like to make the shawls. Thank you.

Thank you! In the name of La Salette Missions, and especially myself, Rev. Thomas Vellappallil, I wish to thank the people of Notre Dame for your hospitality, generosity and prayers during the mission appeal on July 10-11. We thank you for the opportunity to bring a renewed awareness of our Church's Mission to your people and to bring their love and support to the needy of the mission countries served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.

Hawk-i (Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa) Hawk-I is health and dental coverage for children ages 1-19 who do not financially qualify for Medicaid yet still meet certain income guidelines. The guidelines are based on household size and income and many working families qualify. A family of 4 can make up to \$74,124/year and qualify for coverage. For more information, call 563 566-6200 ext. 1933 or apply online at dhsservices.iowa.gov or call 855 889-7985

Audio Aids are available to use during Mass. Several aids are available in a box in the front entrance of the church. Just put on the earpiece and turn on the receiver and you will hear better through the sound system. You may use the ear buds provided, or use your own ear buds if preferred. Questions or if new batteries are needed, contact the ushers or sacristan. Please put the aid back in the box after mass.

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 everyone who supported the Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair and Moo Mobile at the Fair Stand; Ridiculous Days and Block Party.

Running the Race – A Bible Marathon: Throughout July-September, our parish's goal is to "Run to Rome" with Saint Paul! The distance between Cresco, Iowa and Rome, Italy is 4,926 miles. Help us reach our collective goal by using the reading plans outlined on our parish website or on handouts in the front entrance of the church. There is one for adults and one for youth. Choose your adventure and track your miles. You can submit your miles via the website, placing a paper in the offertory basket that says "Miles Read: ___", or via the mail slot of the Parish Office's door. When we reach Rome by the end of September, our earthly prize will be a haircut for Father Jacob.

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.

Table of Plenty will begin the weekend of July 24-25. You may bring your extra produce to share to the front entrance of the church on Saturdays after 3:00 p.m. through Sunday morning, 10:00 a.m. All produce left after 10:00 mass on Sunday will be donated to the local food pantry. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations are given to the local food pantry. Thanks.

Pro-Life Meeting, Tuesday, August 3, St. Benedict Parish Hall, 10:15 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Council #1571 NEWS FLASH!!! Join us today for free online. The online promotion "MCGIVNEY 2020" has been extended to the end of calendar year 2021. We invite you to join us putting our Faith in Action. JOIN US TODAY!!!

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. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at [563-588-0558](tel:563-588-0558) to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

Covenant of Love Marriage Mentors Now Available! Trained couples are now ready to serve couples throughout eastern Iowa as marriage mentors. *Covenant of Love Marriage Mentoring* helps married couples achieve relationship goals with effective support, information, and guidance. This process is effective for restoring and strengthening marriages in which *both* spouses are open to following God's plan for marriage and putting into place the practical tools provided. Whether newlyweds or married for fifty years, and whether on the brink of divorce or just wanting to grow deeper in a relatively good marriage, this mentoring process can provide couples with guidance for strengthening and sustaining their marriage. More information and registration for couples interested in being paired with a mentor couple is available at www.DBQArch.org/marriage-mentors

Too often we focus on the negative aspects of life, on what is bad.

If we were more willing to see the good and the beautiful things that surround us we would be able to transform society.

It begins in the family. From there, we can help transform our next door neighbors with loving service, then others who live in our neighborhood and city.

We can bring peace and love to the world. The whole world is hungry for these things and we can each play a small role in feeding this great hunger.

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