

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 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-5

The "feeding of the five thousand" story in the gospel account is an amazing story. That is, it stirs a feeling of amazement in the reader, just as the event itself must have stirred a sense of amazement in those Jesus fed by the loaves and fishes. That amazement led to an immediate reaction, at least as John narrates the story: the people fed wanted to "carry him off to make him king." Jesus realized the people he fed wanted him to be king for a lifetime. His reaction seems equally amazing: ". . .so he fled back to the mountain alone."

The gospel writers don't say, because they probably didn't really know, but that mountain may have been the one spoken of early in Jesus' career. We remember it as the mountain of temptation where Jesus was told he would be given all the kingdoms of the earth—if only he would submit to the Tempter, to Satan.

He has come full circle as it were—nearly the same temptation falls him now, only coming from some half starved, desperate countrymen. Today's reading ends here—the decision not yet made; or at least it seems he needs time to consider what he should decide.

Could it be that Satan is in the very voices of the people he so dearly loved? He desperately needed time alone to discern.

Next week's readings:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence.

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

*Totus Tuus will be held at Notre Dame this week
Keep the students and team in your prayers.
Note Mass will be at 11:15 a.m. each day this week*

Monday, July 26 Mass in church and livestreamed
11:15 a.m. + Ben Phillips

Tuesday, July 27 Mass in church and livestreamed
11:15 a.m. +Elaine Brysaas

Wednesday, July 28 Mass in church and livestreamed
11:15 a.m. +Gerald and Dan Courtney

Thursday, July 29 Mass in church and livestreamed
11:15 a.m. +Virgil Baumler

Friday, July 30-Mass in church and livestreamed
11:15 a.m. +Collette Ameling

Saturday, July 31 - Mass in church and livestreamed
10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Ted Crow

4:00 p.m. +Sonny Christianson
EMs: Mary Larson, Marcie Huhe, Becky McGee
Lectors: Mary Larson, Terry Duerre
Servers: Awnan Skoda
Music: Joe Wacha, Polly Jones
Greeters: Don and Lois Recker
Ushers: Adam and Aidan Skoda, George Sobolik,
Jim Murphy

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

Sunday, August 1- Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Leland and Evelyn Truka
EMs: Jim Truka, Janet Andera, Julie Haskovec
Lectors: Jim Truka, Julie Wilson
Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk
Music: Margaret Sobolik, Jamie Fisk
Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman
Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, Art Schwarzhoff,
Warren Steffen

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed
+J.B. "Bud" and Phyllis Mullen Family
EMs: Gary and Janel Langreck, Jessica Kapler
Lectors: Rylee Kapler, Gary Langreck
Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus
Music: Harlan Larson, Wendy Schatz
Greeters: Gary and Janel Langreck
Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Steve Slifka, Jerry Wilson

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for August, September, October and November is available on the website, in the front entrance of the church and at the parish office. If you would like to serve as a liturgical minister, please contact the parish office. Thank you to all who share their time and talent with Notre Dame Parish.

In Memory

Louie and Mabel Balk Sanctuary Candle

Vince and Mark Thraenert 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	Lavon Hyberger
Craig Church	Andrea Pecinovsky Atkinson
Lindsey Sponsel	Bill Smith
Pat Smith	Randy Smith
Paula Growden	Carol Chihak
Liz Yount	Deanne Webb
Joyce Scharnweber	

Our sympathy. . .

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Elias Zweibahmer. Eternal rest grant unto him, 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. 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 18, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 9,764.72
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 6,891.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 545.00

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

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.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU

Notre Dame Fair Stand was very successful. Thank you to everyone who supported it in any way!

Income:

Cash Donations	\$10,260.00
Sales at stand:	\$17,688.50
Food Sales after Fair:	\$ 426.50
Total Income:	\$28,375.00

Expenses:

Postmaster:	\$ 164.65
Advertising:	\$ 358.00
License:	\$ 50.00
Fair Board:	\$ 790.58
Supplies (food, etc.)	\$ 6,824.77
Total Expenses:	\$ 8,188.00
Food Stand Profit:	\$ 20,187.00
Moo Mobile:	\$ 1,505.00

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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.

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 help with parish mailings.

We welcome Grant John Ellingson, son of Reid and Natalie Ellingson, who was baptized at Notre Dame on July 18.



Congratulations to Samuel and Brandi (Rice) Ollendieck who were married at Notre Dame on July 17.



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:

- Full time paraprofessional
- Kids' Club from 3:00—5:30 p.m.

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!!! The online promotion to join us for free has been extended to the end of calendar year 2021. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Join today. Questions call 563 581-2239.

Thank You! Thank you for your continuous support of NEICAC Howard County Food Pantry by holding quarterly reverse collections and your ongoing donation box. Martin L. Ahrndt, Family Service Specialist.

Summer Blessing for the Catholic Family

May we make our home a place of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others to enjoy the blessings of summertime.
Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

<https://www.archbalt.org/schools-out-summer-prayers-and-blessings-for-families-and-educators/>

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