

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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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 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.

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

At the heart and center of the religion of Israel is the feast of Passover. To use a secular comparison, it is for them what our Fourth of July celebration is for U.S. citizens. "The Fourth" represents a break from the old—colonial serfdom of the crown and the forging of something new—a new nation, a new people, a new way of government. We never forget that event just as the Jews never forget the time the Lord God took them with a strong arm from being slaves in Egypt to become a free people. The events surrounding that historic moment are remembered (for example, the slaughter of the first born in Egypt, the passage through the Red Sea, the covenant on Sinai) and some are ritualized (the slaughter of the yearling lamb and the eating of the Seder meal).

It was in the context of all that memory and prayer and ritual that John places our Lord's long discourse on the bread of life. The next several Sundays are taken up with this discourse.

Today's reading contrasts the manna Israel had for food in the desert, with the new manna, the new bread for a new life in and with God. That new bread of life—for those who can believe it, for the new Israel of God, is Jesus himself. "I myself am the bread of life."

Next week's readings:

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-52; John 6:41-51

At the end of the world you will receive a new body, but you only get one soul. Take care of it.

You can access mass online 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, Aug. 2—No Mass

Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Aug. 3 Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Aug. 4 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Margaret McConnell

Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Thursday, Aug. 5 Mass in church and livestreamed

9:00 a.m. +Larry Baumler

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Friday, Aug. 6-Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Marie Kreitzer

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Saturday, Aug. 7 - Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Leonard Macal

EMHCs: Marlene Ferrie, Mary Larson, Angie Kappes

Lectors: Cheryl Brannon, Mary Larson

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Harlan Larson, Polly Jones

Greeters: Anna Mae Christianson, Mary Lou Murray
Barb Prochaska, Rita Shea

Hosts: Bootie Kapler, Barb Prochaska

Ushers: Jim Murphy, Ray Schwarzhoff,
Bryan Sheehy, Melvin Sobolik

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, August 8- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Darrell and Michael Riehle

EMHCs: Chuck and Sanna Feldman, Patti Guyer

Lectors: Carol Foley, Ken Hubka

Servers: Ethan Casper, Cali Schwickerath

Music: Margaret Sobolik, Polly Jones

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman,
Jordan and Patti Guyer

Hosts: Jordan and Patti Guyer

Ushers: Jordan Guyer, David, Shannon and Jacob Andera

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

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

+Ray Murray

EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd, Tom Kleve, Connie Frana

Lectors: Nita Hackman, Gary Langreck

Servers: Ava and Liam Daley

Music: Joe Wacha, Polly Jones

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman,
Gary and Janel Langreck

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach Family

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Christianity is not an excuse for complacency and laziness. Now that you are working for God you must work harder than ever at everything you do.

In Memory

Don Gooder

Sanctuary Candle

Paul Sir

Altar Bread and Wine

Louie and Mabel Balk

Missalettes (Aug.)

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

Nancy Pecinovsky

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 25, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$10,923.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 5,500.50

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 5,866.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 469.50

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

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 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.

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. 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.

Liturgy Committee will meet on Thurs., Aug. 5, 3:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

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.*

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. 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.

Table of Plenty is available. 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.

Notre Dame Catholic School Registration Kindergarten—Grade 6 on Mon., Aug. 9, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 11 from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Registration, lunch information and payment of fees for all students will be done in the Thomson Library/Media Center on the Notre Dame Campus. Open school rooms on Thurs., Aug. 19 4:00—6:00 p.m. Students may bring supplies to classrooms and get acquainted with the teachers. Classes for K-6 begin Mon., Aug. 23. For more information, call 563 547-4513.

Preschool Parent Meeting Mon., Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall. Preschool Open House Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Openings available in preschool. Preschool classes begin Tues., Sept. 7. For more information, call 563 547-4513.

Assumption Parish Annual Church Picnic Sunday, August 15 - Mass at 3:00 pm. Meal will be served 4:00-8:00 pm. \$12 per meal - 3 piece chicken, real mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dressing, corn, coleslaw, relish, kolache, cookies (outdoor dining only, carry-out or drive-thru). Live Music, Games, Bingo, Kolache Sales, Raffle, and Facebook Auction. For more information go to the parish facebook page: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Little Turkey, Iowa

Mobile Food Pantry Tues., Aug. 3, 5:00—6:30 p.m., Featherlite Bldg. For more information contact NEIFB 319 235-0507 or Cindy at 719 237-6102 or 563 547-2108.

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 all the Totus Tuus team, volunteers, donors and participants.

We welcome Damien Kenneth Hubka, son of Karen Hubka, who was baptized at Notre Dame on July 24; and **Halen McKenzie Gragert**, daughter of Jared Gragert and Samantha Weigert, who was baptized at Notre Dame on July 25.



Congratulations to Eric and Alisha (Andera) Carolan who were married at Notre Dame on July 24.



Server Training New and experienced servers are invited to a training session on Wed., Aug. 11, 4:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church. If you are not able to attend, Fr. Jacob will review with servers before Mass as they are scheduled.

Archdiocesan Mission Priorities for the Council of Catholic Women (ACCW). The third mission is teaching stewardship as a way of life. "We do not own anything; rather, everything we have is on loan to us, entrusted by the owner, namely God." We accomplish this by donations of layettes locally and areas of need throughout the US; donations of items of need to Domestic Abuse Centers; financial support and items to Centers for Trafficking Victims; quilts for those in need as well as baptismal gifts and weddings; making of sanitary kits for women and girls in low resource countries; participating with the National Council of Catholic Women in support of Boxes of Joy; financial donations to Catholic Relief Service for Women refugees. Any donation given from the heart, given from what YOU have been given, is teaching stewardship to others. If you have any questions regarding ACCW, please contact Julie Vulk, Pres. DCCW 563.380.8412 or javulk@yahoo.com

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.

Dad's Belgian Waffles All You Care to Eat waffles, toppings, sauces and beverages Saturday Aug. 14, 8:00—11:00 a.m., Lime Springs Community Center. \$8.00 (5 and under free). Carry out plates available. Sponsored by Oneota Club.

Cresco Area Blood Drive Friday, August 13, 1:00—6:00 p.m. VFW Hall, Cresco. To make an appointment please call Pat at 563 547-5839 or visit www.redcrossblood.org Please bring a phot ID, your blood donor card or two other forms of ID. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donated blood by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information

CARE (Communities About Reaching Everyone) Back to School Program is accepting donations at CB&T, CUSB Bank and the Cresco Shopper until Aug. 12 to help Howard County Families in need. For more information call Lisa Nelson or Stephanie Gallagher at 563 547-2040 from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Mon.—Fri. Cash donations may be sent to P. O. Box 323, Cresco, IA 52136

Culpepper & Meriweather Circus Aug. 10 5:00 and 7:30 p.m., Howard Co. Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Cresco Kiwanis Club.

An Apache Blessing

May the Sun bring you its energy by day;

May the Moon softly revive you by night;

May the Rain wash away your worries;

May the Breeze blow its strength into your being;

May you Walk gently through the world and keep its beauty all the days of your life.

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