

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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www.ndcschool.weebly.com

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 **Nov. 1, 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 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

When Jesus finished the discourse on the bread of life we are told by John that "many of his disciples broke away and would not remain in his company any longer." These are profoundly sad words. He had offered a new way to life in union with God and it was rejected by most of the listeners.

Would we have been different? We may like to think so, but it is a valid question nonetheless. It comes back to the question posed several weeks ago about our openness to change. Not all change is good. Not all change should be welcomed. By the same token not all customs and old habits are good and should be retained. "It's always been done this way" is often an argument of the lazy, or unthinking or the merely stubborn.

It is hard to place ourselves at the feet of Jesus as if hearing him for the first time. If we could, the odds are very high we would have found a lot of what he said far too radical, too innovative. We need to hear the gospels with new ears, with fresh and open hearts. We shouldn't be too hard on those who "no longer walked with him" unless we ourselves hear him and walk with him in all things. Who of us truly does so?

Today's Mass closes with a very encouraging prayer as we go stumbling along toward God: "guide and direct our efforts to please you in all things."

Next week's readings:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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. 23—No Mass

First Day of School—Pray for our students and staff

Tuesday, Aug. 24 Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Dwayne and Phyllis Hauber

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Aug. 25 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe and Frank Schulte

Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Thursday, Aug. 26 Mass in church and livestreamed

9:00 a.m. +Collette Ameling

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans +Marie Kreitzer

Friday, Aug. 27 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Norbert Kuennen

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, Aug. 28 - Mass in church and livestreamed

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Cody Drinkall and Kandise Hauber
(St. Bridget)

4:00 p.m. +Donnie Aberg

EMHCs: Lynn Murray, Jim and Anne Ott

Lectors: Mary Larson, Marlene Quinn

Servers: Braylee and Ainsley Teeling

Music: Harlan Larson, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik,
Anna Christianson, Mary Lou Murray

Hosts: Jim and Anne Ott

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

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, August 29- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Nancy Hruska

EMHCs: Wayne and Kelly Mashek, Julie Haskovec

Lectors: Roger Kleve, Carol Foley

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Margaret Sobolik, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Roger and Elaine Kleve,
Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Hosts: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, Kenny Hruska
Ken Hubka

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

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

+Andy and Bernadine, Richard, and David Tieskotter

EMHCs: Gary and Janel Langreck, Sue Runyan

Lectors: Gary Langreck, Sue Runyan

Servers: Tommy Mashek, Madelyn Opprieht

Music: Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Gary and Janel Langreck, Marjette Fitzgerald
Audrey Hyke

Hosts: Brian and Jill McConnell

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

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Happiness is contagious—be a carrier.

In Memory

Patricia Hauber

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

Rhett Carroll

Bill Smith

Pat Smith

Randy Smith

Paula Growden

Carol Chihak

Liz Yount

Deanne Webb

Joyce Scharnweber

Nancy Pecinovsky

Marian Wiltgen

JoDene Van Dyke

Beth Monthly

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

Aug. 15, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,929.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 6,891.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 627.00

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

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.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs., Aug. 26, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Server Training If you are a server and were not able to attend the training session last week, you may watch it at: tinyclerk.com/notredameserver Other ministers can watch training at: tinyclerk.com/notredameministers Also printed copies of all minister and server instructions are available underneath the sign in sheet in the sacristy. Thank you!

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 Sept. 11-12. Note not the first weekend due to Labor Day weekend.

Running the Race – A Bible Marathon: Through September, our parish's goal is to "Run to Rome" with Saint Paul! The distance between Cresco and Rome, Italy is 4,926 miles. **So far we have gone 428 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 Sept., our earthly prize will be a haircut for Fr. Jacob.

Preschool Open House week of Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Openings available in preschool. Preschool classes begin Tues., Sept. 7. For more information, call 563 547-4513.

Bible Study: For the month of August Duane Heit will have a bible study on Wednesdays. Attend either 8:30 am in the Joseph room or 7 pm at A&W Long John Silvers. Each week the group will review the readings for the upcoming weekend. Everyone is welcome. Materials will be furnished, no fees, no required homework, just show up whenever you want. For questions call Duane 563-419-2385

Save the date! Notre Dame 50th Fair Day will be held on Saturday, September 11. Meal served 4:30—6:30 p.m.; Bingo/Cake Walk/Farmer's Market/Outdoor Games 5:00—8:00 p.m.; Concessions 5:00—9:00 p.m.; 5K Glow Run 7:00 p.m.; Outdoor Movie 8:00 p.m.; Raffle. Plan to join in all the festivities! Watch for more details!

As we look to change things with our Fair Day event, we will NOT be having a silent auction. We ask that you do not drop off any items at the office or school for this event. Thank you.

Wanted: Cakes for the cake walk and items for the Farmers Market. Also needed are onions, tomatoes, cucumbers for the Fair Day meal. Please leave in church hall on Friday no later than 7:00 p.m. Thank you!

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.

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 Stewardship Committee.

The Seven Sister's Apostolate is a group of women that promise to pray one hour each week for one year for their parish pastor. We are a group of 12 that would welcome new members as either weekly "prayers" or as "substitutes". We will be gathering at the 4:55 Rosary and 5:15 Mass on August 31 and staying for our annual Recommitment Prayer and following that with a potluck in the church basement. You are welcome to join us in our ministry. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joyce Becker, 563 547-5419.

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.

Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin welcomes all of you to their 43rd Annual Czech Days celebration on August 20, 21 and 22. For a full listing of events you may visit [Christ Our Hope Cluster.com](http://ChristOurHopeCluster.com)

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS, FESTINA, IOWA FALL FESTIVAL Sunday, September 12, 2021 - serving 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Mike's Famous Chicken & Pork Cutlets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Sauerkraut, Homegrown Sweet Corn, Relish, Bread, Pies & Refrigerator Desserts. Tickets: \$14 in advance, \$15 at the door., \$6 Children (6-12) 5 & under free. Many other activities.

Cresco Community Blood Drive Wed., Aug. 25, 12:00—5:30 p.m., VFW Hall. Set up your lifesaving appointment today: Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777; Call 800 287-4903; Visit: Lifeservebloodcenter.org

HOLY LAND TOUR: The Newman Catholic Student Center at The University of Iowa is sponsoring a 10-day tour of the Holy Land March 10-19, 2022. Tour hosts will be Fr. Jeff Belger and Newman Center rep, April Rouner. The full tour itinerary can be viewed at www.iowacatholic.org. Cost is \$4059 per person from Chicago. A charter bus will take travelers to/from O'Hare from Iowa City. Price includes RT air, first class accommodations, most meals, professional tour director, sightseeing entrance fees, optional daily Mass and more. Contact April Rouner at april@newman-ic.org or 319-337-3106 Ext. 119 for more information or a registration brochure

ACCW Continuing Series on Eucharist: Para. 1328 from CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church): What is this Sacrament called? The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek Words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim—especially during a meal—God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.

Back to School Prayer

God of wisdom and might,

We praise you for the wonders of our being,

For mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow,

Wisdom and knowledge to their minds

As they search for understanding

And peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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