

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 **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.

September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

“The Lord God opens my ears that I may hear. . .”

Last week we heard about the Lord healing a deaf man. But we noted that the physical miracle was pointing to another reality, that is the ability to hear God's word addressed to our life, inviting us to grow in God's love and to follow Jesus' ways. Physical hearing should connect us to our minds and hearts. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't.

This week in the gospel story Jesus proposes some of the most amazing features of his entire teaching: that he must go the way of suffering and rejection and even “be put to death” at the hands of the Jewish leaders. “And rise three days later.” These words hit upon ears that heard, but upon hearts and minds that did not understand. In fact, Jesus experienced rejection immediately in the form of rebuke given by Peter, his chief disciple.

Jesus seems to compound his own difficulty by telling “the crowd” that any follower of his has to “deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps.”

Maybe only the Lord God can open our ears to hear and understand such a call. Of our own will and mind we would likely follow Peter into rebuke.

Fortunately, there is more to the story. . .

Next week's readings:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

My aim is to bring people closer to God.

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, Sept. 13—No Mass Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 No Mass Pray for vocations

Wednesday, Sept. 15 No Mass Pray for vocations

Thursday, Sept. 16 Mass in church and livestreamed

9:00 a.m. +Jerry McGee

Sacristan: Joyce Jirak

2:00 p.m. Accura Care Center Mass +Juanita Grimm

Friday, Sept. 17 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Charles (Chuck) Morgan

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, Sept. 18 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Sonny Christianson

EMHCs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Vickie McGee

Lectors: Terry Duerre, Ethan Rice

Servers: Cody Sobolik, Ava Barry

Music: Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik, Gretchen Laub
Pat Korsmo

Hosts: Gretchen Laub Family

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Dave and Robin Sobolik,
Steve Duerre

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Sunday, Sept. 19 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Russell O'Donnell

EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Chuck and Sanna Feldman

Lectors: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Servers: Carly Miller, Lincoln Manske

Music: Margaret Sobolik, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman,
Roger and Elaine Kleve

Hosts: Jim and Lori Truka

Ushers: Tony Roberts, Art Schwarzhoff, Warren Steffen
Kenny Hruska

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

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

+James and Mary Kreitzer

EMHCs: Steve and Sheila Slifka, Tracy Hart

Lectors: Tracy Hart, Gary Langreck

Servers: Madelyn Oppriecht, Tommy Mashek

Music: Good News Singers, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Gary and Janel Langreck, John Schatz and
JoAnne White

Hosts: Mark Kapler Family

Ushers: Steve Slifka, Brad and Jodi Dull, Brian McConnell

Sacristan: Steve Slifka

True love is about giving; and giving until it hurts..

Reverse Collection will be held on the weekend of Sept. 11-12. Take a tag. Return the item to be donated to the local food pantry.

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. Scrip will be available in church the weekend of Sept. 11-12.

In Memory

Marie Kreitzer Sanctuary Candle

Arkie and Joan Kleve Altar Bread and Wine

Stan and Kathleen Humpal Missalettes (September)

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
Beth Monthly	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	Marian Wiltgen
JoDene Van Dyke	Wilma Daley
Don and Bonnie Neubauer	

Our sympathy...

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of James Balk, father of Dennis Balk. 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: DBQ047S1@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

Sept. 5, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 6,471.50
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 666.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 556.25

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

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. **Our collective total to date is: 830.4.** Help us reach our 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.

Part-time Custodian Positions at Notre Dame Available Immediately: Part-time includes cleaning the school when school is in session. Volunteers are welcome to help with these positions until they can be filled. For more information, contact the parish office, 563 547-3565 or Phil Walker, 563 203-0710. Thank you!

Sewing Circle will meet on Mon., Sept. 13, 2:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Finance Council will meet on Tues., Sept. 14, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

Cornerstone (Religious Ed.) Registration: If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for this year's youth faith formation program, please go to notredamecresco.com for registration information or contact Melanie at the parish office. Cornerstone program begins Oct. 6.

Cornerstone Parent Meeting Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m. Notre Dame Church Hall. If you are willing to help with the Cornerstone Program as a catechist, aide, hospitality, and/or prayers, please contact Melanie at the parish office for more information.

Notre Dame Catholic School's Fall Fundraiser, Football Mania is in full swing! Now is a great time to play and support Notre Dame while vying for a chance to win cash prizes weekly! Students in grades K-6 have tickets to sell for \$20 each to win prizes! Tickets can also be purchased at the school front office.

Table of Plenty 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. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations and extra produce are given to the local food pantry.

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.

Save the Date: St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton Fall Dinner, Sun., Oct. 3, serving Hot Beef Sundae Meal from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Drive thru only. Dinner and Raffle Tickets available at the parish office.

Get to know your STO: A School Tuition Organization or STO is a not-for-profit organization that provides financial support to families seeking a non-public school education. The Our Faith STO supports 47 schools across the Archdiocese of Dubuque and helps over 3,000 students each year. The STO program started in Iowa in 2008 when the legislature provided an incentivized income tax credit for individuals or businesses who donate. The credit currently stands at 75%, making it the "Best Tax Credit in Iowa". For more information, visit www.ourfaithsto.org

Feast of the Holy Cross Mass will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Schley, on Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m. with an outdoor mass followed by a potluck. Everyone is welcome.

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 participate in the Table of Plenty.



We welcome Braxton Travis Lienhard, son of Kaleb and Samantha Lienhard who was baptized on Sept. 4; and **Aleah Rose Holmstrom**, daughter of Alexander and Kaitlin Holmstrom, who was baptized on Sept. 5.

Congratulations to Tyler and Emily (Sickles) Numedahl, who were married at Notre Dame on Sept. 4.

Congratulations to Russ and Karen Stevenson who are celebrating their 50th anniversary on September 11th, married at St. Wenceslaus Church in Spillville.



Governor Reynolds has declared Howard County as a disaster area. This activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant program, which offers grants to families whose household's annual income is at 200% or less of the federal poverty level. The deadline to apply is **September 23, 2021**. For information and to complete an [application](#), contact your local community action agency: **Howard County Outreach Center, 204 2nd Ave E, Cresco, IA 52136, (563) 547-4413**

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Inwood Ballroom, September 17, 18, & 19. Dinner Theater and historical play about the Inwood Friday Sept 17, 6 pm, \$20. Tickets in Spillville at the Citizens Savings Bank and The Farr Side. Saturday Sept 18, theater only on Ludwig Stage, 4:30 pm, bring your own chair, free will donation. Sunday Sept 19, Polka Mass 11:30, Jim Busta Band. Music all three days. More info at inwoodballroom.com

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS, FESTINA, IOWA FALL FESTIVAL Sept. 12, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Mike's Famous Chicken & Pork Cutlets. Tickets: \$15 at the door., \$6 Children (6-12) 5 & under free.

Immaculate Conception Wexford Drive Thru Fish Fry. September 16th 4-7pm. Fish, cheese potatoes, beans, salad, roll, and dessert. 1416 Great River Road, Lansing, Iowa

Crestwood High School Choir Omelet Breakfast is back! Sunday September 19, 2021 8:00 AM-1 PM HS Cafeteria Tickets available from students and at the door. Cost: \$6

Holy Family Parish Fall Festival 313 W. Court St., New Hampton, IA Sunday, Sept. 19, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Drive Thru Meal \$10 .

VFW Breakfast will be served Sept. 12, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Cresco. Free will offering. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Beverage. Proceeds to be used for Christmas Fund Sponsored by American Legion Riders.

Sacred Heart, Walker, IA Fall Festival Sun., Sept. 19, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Grilled Pork Loin Dinner. Raffle.

Stavanger Lutheran Church Dinner Drive Thru on Sept. 19, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Hot Beef Sandwich Meal.

ACCW Continuing Series on Eucharist: What is the Sacrament of Eucharist called? Eucharist is also called the "Breaking of Bread" because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal, when as master of the table, he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection, and it is this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies; by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in Him. Jesus invites us to 'come to my table, let us break bread'.

My September To-Do List:

*I will count and give thanks for all my blessings
Forgive those who hurt me—Begin each day with a smile
Help when and where I can; Live in the moment—Love with all my heart.
I will hold faith within my soul that God will guide me
Protect and bless my family and lead us with grace through another month.
Amen.*

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