

# 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](mailto: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 26, 2021**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

As if to emphasize last week's lesson about who is really important, the lesson today talks about the following: not only those who belong to the church and who consider themselves Jesus' followers receive the Spirit of God. Any person can receive God's Spirit and do good works. Church membership is not a requirement.

As much as we emphasize belonging to a parish and being active in it, Jesus makes it clear that God can and does operate through the "unchurched" and through "outsiders." "No one who performs a miracle using my name can at once speak ill of me." In another place he declares "he who is not against us is with us."

These are important words for us to remember. The Church ordains people to offer sacrifice and preside at other sacraments; she commissions catechists and ministers of holy communion; teachers in seminaries must meet certain standards and requirements. All this is well and good for the internal working of the Church.

But just as much today as in Jesus' own day we need to be reminded that not all the works for God's spread of His reign are accomplished by those "of our company". God is free to work through whomever God chooses to do that work.

*Next week's readings:*

*Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16*

*If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive.*

You can access mass online by logging into our parish website: [notredamecresco.com](http://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. 27—No Mass** Pray for vocations.

**Tuesday, Sept. 28** -Mass in church and livestreamed  
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

**5:15 p.m.** +James and Patricia Fisher; Larry Conway  
Sacristan: Janet Andera

**Wednesday, Sept. 29** -Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Louie and Mabel Balk

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Novena of the Holy Rosary begins. Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 30** Mass in church and livestreamed

**9:00 a.m.** +Mary Jane Hudson

Sacristan: Joyce Jirak

Novena of the Holy Rosary: Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

**Friday, Oct. 1** Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Rose and Vince Hron

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Novena of the Holy Rosary: Rosary at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 2** Mass in church and livestreamed

**2:00 p.m.** Wedding of Troy Tweten and Molly McConnell

**4:00 p.m.** +Ray Murray

EMHCs: Jim and Anne Ott, Marlene Ferrie

Lectors: Marlene Quinn, Ethan Rice

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Greeters: Galen and Lavon Fye

Hosts: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda

Sacristan: Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

Novena of the Holy Rosary: Rosary at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 3** Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach  
Family

EMHCs: Boyd and Mary Turnbull, Janet Andera

Lectors: Boyd and Mary Turnbull

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: Carol Foley, Polly Jones

Greeters: Wayne and Kelly Mashek,  
Roger and Elaine Kleve

Hosts: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Ushers: David, Shannon and Jacob Andera, Ken Hubka

Sacristan: Janet Andera

Novena of the Holy Rosary: Rosary at 9:00 a.m.

**9:00 a.m.** Mass at St. Bridget, Bluffton +For the People

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

+Arkie and Joan Kleve

EMHCs: Connie Frana, Michelle Midthus, Jodi Dull

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Good News Singers, Polly Jones

Greeters: Marjette Fitzgerald, Audrey Hyke,  
Gary and Janel Langreck

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Brad and Jodi Dull

Sacristan: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

*A good thing to remember and a better thing to do, is to work with the construction gang and not with the wrecking crew.*

### In Memory

Art Svestka

Sanctuary Candle

Dale Webb

Altar Bread

Mike Walsh

Altar Wine

Stan and Kathleen Humpal

Missalettes (September)

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### 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 Monthy

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

Don and Bonnie Neubauer

Joyce Kapler

### Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Gerald Nehl; Doris Mrachek and Mary Ann Shea.** Eternal rest grant unto them, 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](mailto: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.*

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### Stewardship of Offering

**Sept. 19, 2021**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income  
Needed each week: \$10,817.00  
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 4,416.00  
Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 666.00  
Last week's offertory income: \$ 528.80

*St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.*

**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.** **The Marathon ends on Thursday, Sept. 30.** Turn in your miles today!

**Moving with Mission** will meet on Mon. Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., Joseph Room. If you are interested in learning more and possibly joining a small group, you are welcome to come! This is open to all women.

**Rescheduled Catechist In-Service** will be held on Wed., Sept. 29, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame School Media Center.

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

**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!

**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](http://notredamecresco.com) for registration information or contact Melanie at the parish office. Cornerstone program begins **Oct. 6**.

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.

**Sunday, September 26 is Priesthood Sunday.** It is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Pray for priests to know and experience a closeness to Our Lord that in turn brings you closer to Jesus. **Celebrate and thank a priest today!**

**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. Table of Plenty will end the weekend of Oct. 16-17. Thank you!

**Get to know your STO:** How does it work? Did you know that 75% Tax Credit for an STO donation is the largest credit in the state of Iowa? It's a simple way to help Catholic education and a simple tax credit to use. As an example; if you expect to owe \$900 in Iowa income taxes this year, donate \$1,200 to the STO, and you'll receive a \$900 Tax Credit Certificate. Redeem the credit at tax time, and you've now eliminated your Iowa income tax liability. You'll provide \$1200 worth of STO support for only \$300, and you now owe \$0 in Iowa income tax. Please check with your tax professional on how this might work for you. For more information, visit: [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org)

**Happy 80th Birthday to LeRoy Webb** on Sept. 30.

#### 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 Song Leaders.*

**Congratulations to Lynn Rose** who received her First Communion and Confirmation on September 19.

**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 Oct. 2-3.

**Mobile Food Pantry** Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5:00—6:30 p.m. Featherlite Bldg—Howard County Fairgrounds. Please note that you can only attend 1 MFP per month. If you are in need of food assistance, please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. For more information contact NEIFB at 319 235-0507 or Cindy at 719 237-6102 or 563 547-2108. Sponsored by Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at [Iowa-wwme.org](http://Iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

**ACCW Continuing Series on Eucharist:** Paragraph 1330 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states the Eucharist is also called "*The Holy and Divine Liturgy* because the Church's whole liturgy finds its center and most intense expression in the celebration of this sacrament; in the same sense we also call its celebration the *Sacred Mysteries*. We speak of the *Most Blessed Sacrament* because it is the Sacrament of sacraments. The Eucharistic species reserved in the tabernacle are designated this same name."

**ACCW Annual Convention:** Sat., Oct. 23, Holy Trinity Church, Protivin; 8:00 a.m.—1:15 p.m.. Keynote Speaker: Virginia Pillars; Mass Celebrate: Rev. Daniel Knipper. To register go to: <https://dbqarch.org/events-1> Before Oct. 1 \$20; after Oct. 1 or at the door \$25. If you registered but were not asked for payment, please re-register as software did not work prior to Sept. 15. All women of the Archdiocese are welcome.

**Oktoberfest Curbside Pick - Up Meal** Saturday, October 9th, 4:30 – 7:00 pm Sponsored by St. Lucas Historical Society, \$10.00 per meal Large Klement Brat, Sauerkraut, Bean Dish, Potato Salad (or Chips), Apple Strudel, German Treat Pick up in front of German-American Museum, St. Lucas

**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](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Join today. Questions call 563 581-2239.

**Join Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Center** on September 30th from 5:30pm-7pm for a free webinar presented by Iowa Legal Aid's Fair Housing Project. John Gianola, a Managing Attorney at Iowa Legal Aid with a focus on Fair Housing, will be presenting ways to help our immigrant friends understand their rights and protections when facing eviction, living in substandard housing, facing discrimination based on language, race, ethnicity, or religious faith, facing sexual harassment, and experiencing impact from COVID-19. Register for the webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/FHTRIC> Questions? Call the Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Center at 563-382-5337

**Immaculate Conception, Riceville, Drive Thru Meal and Fall Festival** Oct. 3; 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.; Roast Beef and Ham Meal; \$13.00.

**First Lutheran, Cresco, Meatball Dinner** Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. \$12 at the door; \$10 presale (available only at church).

**Monday night Bingo** will be returning to Lime Springs. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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*Bring God to everyone you meet each day. Humility always radiates the glory and greatness of God. How wonderful are the ways of God who chose humility, smallness, helplessness, and poverty to prove His love to the world. Do not be afraid to be humble, small, and helpless in order to prove your love for God and others. Mother Teresa*

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