

Notre Dame Parish

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*"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.

October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17—30

There is a time for everything. . .

How quickly this year has gone by. The leaves are turning, it is football season and people are talking about winter.

Fall is the time when we renew our financial commitment to the parish.

In the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, it says there is a time for everything. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to weep, and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance.

Fall is a time when the gardens are harvested, a time when farmers harvest their fields. This is the time when we reflect on how blessed we truly are.

Everybody has adversity in their lives. If there was no adversity, we would not be on earth, we would be in heaven.

If we look we can find God's blessings that have been given to us. Look around you. They are there. Sometimes small (often the best gifts are in small packages), but always meaningful. Always given to you by the grace and love of God. Now is the time to return a portion of your gifts to God to show our love for Him.

By now, you should have received your commitment sheet in the mail. If not, please contact the parish office.

Please consider all that God has done for you and prayerfully fill out the sheets. Return the sheet to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket or return by mail. Returning the sheet by October 18 will save us a follow-up contact.

As it says in Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything. Now is the time to return a portion of your treasure to the One who has given it to you.

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed this past year.

May God's blessing be upon you and your loved ones.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

October-Respect Life Month: St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

Monday, Oct. 11

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Elizabeth "Betty" Schatz
Visitation on Sunday from 4-7 and at 10:00 on Monday in the church.

Tuesday, Oct. 12 -Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +James and Patricia Fisher; Larry Conway

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Oct. 13 -Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Norbert Kuennen

Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve

10:30 a.m. Mass at Country Winds

Thursday, Oct. 14 Mass in church and livestreamed

9:00 a.m. +Kellie Riehle

Sacristan: Mae Davis

Friday, Oct. 15 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +James, Helen and William Hron

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Saturday, Oct. 16 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +John Gosch

EMHCs: Marcie Huhe, Angie Kappes, Mary Larson

Lectors: Mary Larson, Ethan Rice

Servers: Caleb and Dawson Holzer

Music: Harlan Larson, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Anna Mae Christianson,
Bryan and Denise Sheehy

Hosts: Bootie Kapler, Barb Prochaska

Ushers: Jim Murphy, Ray Schwarzhoff, Bryan Sheehy

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, Oct. 17 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Merlin Schmauss

EMHCs: Jim Truka, Joyce Kapler, Julie Wilson

Lectors: Jim Truka, Julie Wilson

Servers: Ethan Casper, Mason Regan

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Joyce Kapler, Bart and Julie Wilson, Mae Davis

Hosts: Bart and Julie Wilson

Ushers: Bart and Julie Wilson, Cody Kerian,
Marvin Lensing

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

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

+Kellie Riehle

EMHCs: Gary and Janel Langreck, Sue Runyan

Lectors: Gary Langreck, Sue Runyan

Servers: Ava and Liam Daley

Music: Good News Singers, Wendy Schatz

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

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Richard McConnell, Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

During this Respect Life Month, our resolve will be strengthened to cherish and protect the gift of every human life.

This is the 104th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima's apparition to the 3 children. We are living in very dangerous times in history so the rosary is so vital now. Please join us on Sat. Oct. 16th @ 12:00 noon to pray the rosary in the church unless there is a funeral, then it will be held at the home of Norb and Mary Gansen, 318 10th Ave S.E. Cresco For more information call 563-547 5495

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Sanctuary Candle

Tieskotter and Vrzak Families Altar Bread and Wine

Harold and Dorothy Grube Missalettes (October)

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
Arlene Kuennen	JoDene Van Dyke
Joyce Kapler	Don and Bonnie Neubauer
Deanne Webb	Tom McGee

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth (Betty) Schatz**. Eternal rest grant unto her, 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: DBQ047SI@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

Oct. 3, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 8,068.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 666.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 409.37

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Stewardship Renewal Sheets have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact the parish office. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a good steward of all that God has given to you and return your sheet by Oct. 18. Thank you!

Compassion International Weekend, this year's theme is "A CALL TO HOPE." A short presentation will be given by Harlan and Mary Larson at the end of mass on the 16th and 17th of October. Roman's 12:12 calls us to be joyful in the hope we have for the future, patient in the affliction that our world faces and faithful in prayer to our Lord. This is a powerful chance to join Christians all across the country in answering a holy call -- a CALL TO HOPE. A CALL to release a child living in poverty in Jesus' name.

Table of Plenty Table of Plenty will end the weekend of **Oct. 16-17**. Thank you to all who participated. Over \$200 has been donated to the local food pantry.

Cornerstone (Religious Ed.) Cornerstone program began **Oct. 6.** Classes will meet on Wed., Oct. 13 in the Notre Dame School.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting Sun., Oct. 17, 9:00 a.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Wee Families Short and sweet faith formation for young families. Ideal for children ages 1-5 will meet on Oct. 17, 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the church. Milk and cookies following.

Into the Deep A series for those that want to ask the tough questions and discover the deep waters of the month's theme (Made for Community) will be held Oct. 17, 7:00—8:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church.

No Sewing Circle on Mon., Oct. 11.

Finance Committee will meet on Tues., Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Blessing of Babies: Join us at Mass in person or via the livestream on October 23 –24 for a special blessing for all pregnant women and babies/toddlers two years and under.

St. Mark's Circle Ornament Fund Raiser forms were mailed with the Stewardship letter. Additional forms available in the front entrance of church. Orders are due **Oct. 20.**

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. Cards are available at the parish office.

Notre Dame Catholic School's Fall Fundraiser, Football Mania There are only 2 weeks left! This assists funding for field trips, enrichment activities, technology, and other curriculum needs. Our goal is to sell 1000 tickets and so far only 184 have been activated. Please consider purchasing a ticket, or a donation of \$20.00 which is the same amount as a ticket. Tickets can be bought at the school office or are available from K—6 students.

"Books Bring Us Together" Notre Dame School Book Fair starting after the 4:00 mass on Saturday, October 16. Sunday after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses. All are welcome to come browse and shop the book fair. Book fair will run from Oct. 16 - 22. Monday hours from noon till 7:00pm; Tuesday 8:30am - 7:00pm; Wednesday 8:30am - 4:00pm; Thursday 8:30am - 4:00pm; Friday 8:30 - till noon

Mass for Mental Illness Awareness will be held on Sun., Oct. 17, 2:00 p.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids. Anyone with mental illness, their families, friends, caregivers and mental health providers are welcome. Lisa Turner of Catholic charities will speak at a reception following Mass. To participate virtually, catch the livestream of the Mass at www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr

October 20th, National Speaker Joe Beckman will be coming to New Hampton. He will be hosting a community event that evening at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the middle school gym. A free meal (free will donation) will be provided. Everybody Hurts is hosting this event to help bring awareness to mental health and suicide prevention.

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 School Teaches, Staff and Volunteers.



Notre Dame School Activity Corner: The first grade students are enjoying the warm fall weather and fun October activities. Fire Prevention Week brought the Cresco Fire Department for a visit. Firefighters Mr. Slifka and Mr. Malek helped us learn about fire safety, and we also got to tour the fire truck! We took valuable information home to share with our families to keep us safe from a fire emergency, and students are also practicing fire drills at school. Thank you to Notre Dame Parish for supporting our school, staff, and students!

Congratulations to Troy and Molly (McConnell) Tweten who were married at Notre Dame on Oct. 2. 

Meals on Wheels Sign Up for delivering meals in Nov. will be available Oct. 9-10 and 15-16.

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Bridget Oratory Fall Dinner and Raffle.

VFW Breakfast Sun., Oct. 17, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. VFW Hall. Free Will Offering. Regular, Blueberry and Chocolate chip Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled eggs and beverage.

ACCW Continuing Series on Eucharist: In conclusion of "What is this Sacrament called?", paragraph 1332 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states Eucharist is called the *Holy Mass (Missa)* because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (*missio*) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives. "Fulfill God's will, in your daily life". What is God's will for you today?

ACCW Convention: Sat., Oct. 23, beginning at 8AM with registration, all women of the diocese are invited to attend the annual Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting/Convention at Holy Trinity in Protivin. Keynote speaker will be Virginia Pillars, who will speak about her experiences as shared in her book, *Broken Brain, Fortified Faith: Lessons of Hope Through a Child's Mental Illness*. Mass will be celebrated by ACCW Spiritual Advisor Rev. Daniel Knipper. The business meeting will provide the opportunity for members to vote on changes to the bylaws. Presentations will be offered by the Spirituality, Service, and Leadership Commissions. There will be a silent auction, door prizes and displays. You are invited to bring a basket or a single item with you to support the ACCW silent auction. Additional information and registration for the Convention can be found at: <https://dbqarch.org/events-1>. If you registered but were not asked for payment, please re-register as software did not work prior to Sept. 15. We look forward to seeing you on October 23 at Holy Trinity Parish in Protivin!

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.

Our Lady of Seven Dolours Parish Harvest Breakfast in Festina on Sun., Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m.—noon. Adults \$9.00, ages 6-11 \$5.00.

Monday Night Bingo will be returning to Lime Springs on Mon., Oct. 11, 6:30—9:30 p.m. at Family Fun and Fitness, 411 N. Miller St.

LIHEAP (Low income Home Energy Assistance Program) and **LIHWAP** (Low income Household Water Assistance Program) have been established to help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters pay a portion of their bills. For more info contact Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation at 563 547-4413 or 563 382-8436.



As we strive to imitate St. Joseph during Respect Life Month, we are also in the midst of celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. So, this year, we are looking to the witness of St. Joseph as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

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