

# 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.

October 17, 2021

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Guidelines for Giving...

*As we continue our Stewardship Renewal for this year, here are some guidelines to consider...*

**Make a commitment:** Making an annual commitment and sharing it with your church by returning your commitment sheet by Oct. 18.

**Give of your substance rather than your surplus:** Giving of your "first fruits" to God. God will never be outdone in His generosity.

**Give regularly and repeatedly.** Using your envelopes or giving electronically.

**Strive to tithe or give sacrificially.** The bible suggests 10% or perhaps the guideline to giving sacrificially is to give in a way that forces you to give something up. You would feel cheap giving less than a 15% tip when dining out. Give until it feels good.

**Perpetuate your gifts.** Do this through special, endowed or other "legacy gifts."

*Please return your commitment sheet this weekend. A follow-up contact will be made to those who have not returned their sheets by Monday, Oct. 18. Thank you!*

Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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

**Monday, Oct. 18-No Mass. Pray for respect of life.**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 19 -Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 Rosary at 4:55 p.m.  
 5:15 p.m. +Ike Kapler  
 Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros  
**Wednesday, Oct. 20 -Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 8:00 a.m. +Reuben and Matilda Praska; Jeff Lansing  
 Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve  
**Thursday, Oct. 21 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 9:00 a.m. +Robert Roman  
 Sacristan: Mae Davis  
 2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura Nursing Home +Larry Baumler  
**Friday, Oct. 22 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 8:00 a.m. +John Gosch  
 Sacristan: Jerry O'Donnell  
**Saturday, Oct. 23 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Cody Carolan and Megan Guyer  
 4:00 p.m. +Mary Fritz  
 EMHCs: Lisa Kimball, Jill McConnell, Vickie McGee  
 Lectors: Terry Duerre, Mary Larson  
 Servers: Cody Sobolik, Carver Munkel  
 Music: Pam Daley, Jamie Fisk  
 Greeters: Gretchen Laub, Pat Korsmo, Barb Prochaska  
 Rita Shea  
 Hosts: Gretchen Laub Family  
 Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Dave and Robin Sobolik,  
 Steve Duerre  
 Sacristan: Jill McConnell  
**Sunday, Oct. 24 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 8:00 a.m. +Don Gooder  
 EMHCs: Janet Andera, Jim Truka, Patti Guyer  
 Lectors: Roger Kleve, Jim Truka  
 Servers: Claire and James Kach  
 Music: Margaret Sobolik, Carol Foley  
 Greeters: Wayne and Kelly Mashek,  
 Roger and Elaine Kleve  
 Hosts: Jim and Lori Truka  
 Ushers: Dale Lickteig, Tom Mullen, Richard Neubauer  
 Tony Roberts  
 Sacristan: Janet Andera  
**10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed**  
 +Merle Hershberger  
 EMHCs: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Tracy Hart  
 Lectors: Tracy Hart, Jed Becker  
 Servers: Eleanor Ellingson, Tommy Mashek  
 Music: Dee Hosek, Carol Foley  
 Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman, Jolene Trachta,  
 Jerry Wilson  
 Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman  
 Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach Family, Jerry Wilson,  
 Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

*We pray that the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, might be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts.*

**Wednesday Bible Study** starts up again on October 20. Attend either at 8:30 am or 7 pm, both sessions to be held in the Parish Office. Each Wednesday we review the upcoming readings for the following weekend. No need to register and no fees, just show up and bring a friend.

In Memory

Louie and Mabel Balk	Sanctuary Candle
Mary Jane Hudson	Altar Bread
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 **George Sobolik**. 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

**Oct. 10, 2021**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 8,508.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 666.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 704.25

*Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served but to serve.*

**Stewardship Renewal Sheets** 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 this weekend **Oct. 16-17**. Thank you to all who participated. Over \$200 has been donated to the local food pantry.

**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.

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

**Circles of Faith** will meet on Mon., Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room (parish office). *Note change of location!*

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tues., Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m., KC Room.

**Faith Formation Commission** will meet on Thurs., Oct. 21, 5:30 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, HyVec, 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 is only 1 week left! This assists funding for field trips, enrichment activities, technology, and other curriculum needs. Our goal is to sell 1000 tickets. 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. To participate virtually, catch the livestream of the Mass at [www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr](http://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr)

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

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

#### **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 Cornerstone (Faith Formation) catechists, aides, and staff.*



**Notre Dame School Activity Corner:** The first quarter of second grade has come to a close. During this final week of the first quarter we have been discovering our conscience and how it helps us to decide right from wrong. We are thankful for this gift from God. The **Superkids** literacy program has been a big hit in second grade as we explore the non-fiction sections of our **SUPER Magazine**. This week we are learning how our eyes play tricks on us. There is nothing tricky about our math lessons on repeated addition. We are rocking that in second grade.

**Congratulations to Mark and CaLee (Burke) Andera** who were married at Notre Dame on Oct. 9.

**Congratulations to Melvin and Mardell Sobolik** celebrating their **50th** Wedding Anniversary on October 16.



**Congratulations to Pat and Lynn Murray**, celebrating their **40th** wedding anniversary on October 17.

**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:** Now that we have covered the different names for the Eucharist, what about *Worship of the Eucharist*? Paragraph 1378 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states in the liturgy of the Mass, we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it reserving consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." When the parish has adoration, stop in and say hello to the Lord!!

**World Mission Sunday** Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses where people serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Envelopes available in the front entrance of the church.

**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. Mass will be celebrated by 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!

**The annual fall mass at St. Clements Catholic Church**, located about a mile south of Spillville, will be held on Thursday, October 28, 9 AM. Coffee, kolaches, and fellowship to follow. See you there

**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.



In the Bible we see that St. Joseph makes sacrifices out of his love for Jesus and Mary. Over and over, he shows himself to be a faithful protector of them both.

# *St. Bridget Oratory Raffle Sunday, October 3, 2021*

## *Donors*

1. \$250.00 Cash—Dr. Mike and Maureen Ward
2. \$100.00 Cash—Alan and Susan Ellickson
3. \$50.00 Cash—Shane Courtney
4. \$25.00 Cash—Don and Paula McIntyre
5. Outdoor Family Portrait—Wendy Carolan
6. \$50 Visa Card—First SE Bank, Canton and Harmony
7. \$25.00 Cash—Sandy Christopher
8. \$25.00 Visa Card—CUSB, Ridgeway
9. Fireman Inn Sweatshirt— Fireman Inn, Ridgeway
10. \$15.00 Gift Certificate—Country Café, Burr Oak
11. \$25.00—B Bar S Leather Works, Saddle Repair, Bill Schrandt
12. \$100.00 Cash—E & B Christopher Construction
13. \$50.00 Cash—Carolan Guest House, Daniel and Nancy Carolan
14. \$25.00 Cash—Sheil and Patti Courtney
15. \$25.00 Gift Certificate—Eclips Salon & Spa, Decorah
16. \$25.00 Cash—Hauber Trucking
17. \$25.00 Cash—Denise O’Shea
18. Framed Print—Anonymous
19. \$25.00 Gift Certificate—Barney’s Bar & Grill, Burr Oak
20. \$25.00 Cash—Gene McCormick
21. 1000 piece puzzle; & a Gnome Solar—Ace Hardware, Decorah
22. Decorative Planter—Norby’s, Decorah
23. Bluffton T-shirt—Randy Logsdon
24. \$25.00 Gift Certificate—LuLu & BB’s Pet Market, Decorah
25. \$50.00 Cash-Hemesath Painting and Repair, Custom Feed Bunks, Matt Hemesath
26. \$75.00 Cash—David and Elaine Bergan
27. \$50.00 Cash—Mae Davis
28. \$25.00 Cash—Sam and Sarah Courtney
29. \$10.00 Gift Certificate—Fireman Inn, Ridgeway
30. 1 Large Pizza—Mabes, Decorah
31. \$50.00 Cash—Anonymous
32. \$100.00 Cash—Vince Hauber Family
33. \$50.00 Cash—Carolan’s Ag & Repair, Brian and Shelly Carolan
34. \$50.00 Cash—Ed and Sharon Christopher
35. \$25.00 Cash—Doug and Shannon Tieskoetter
36. \$25.00 Gift Certificate and sweatshirt—Games XP, Decorah  
(Pick out sweatshirt when you take in your gift certificate)
37. \$10.00 Gift Certificate—Fireman Inn, Ridgeway
38. \$50.00 Cash—Jarad & Wendy Carolan
39. \$25.00 Cash—Styles and Stuff; Jamie Hauber
40. \$15.00 Gift Certificate—Ridgeway Lumber

## *Winners*

Dave Holten  
John Marshall  
Steve Haluska  
Bonnie Brink  
Judy Schnitzler  
Lynette Borsheim  
Jennie Murphy  
Gerald Moellers  
Regan Demmer  
Irelynn Courtney

David Henry  
Billy Erickson

Dan Hauber  
Sue Ellickson  
Roger Kleve  
Teresa Ellickson  
Dee Gerleman  
Steve Haluska  
Cora McCabe  
Smokey Doyle

Sidney McCabe  
Randy Logsdon  
Cody Webb  
Kathy Van Berkum

John Marshall  
Loren Amundson  
Kirk Lewis  
Sally Lange  
Louie Courtney  
Smokey Doyle  
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42. Wireless Blue Tooth Speaker—Pat Courtney
43. \$15.00 Gift Certificate—Forest Mills Quilt Shop, Postville
44. \$100.00 Cash—David and Debra Sexton
45. \$50.00 Cash—Steve and Patty Elsbernd
46. \$25.00 Cash—Lynn and LuAnn McCormick
47. T Shirt—Letterwerks, Brian Peterson, Decorah
48. \$15.00 Gift Certificate—Country Café, Burr Oak
49. \$50.00 Cash—Clair and Faye Carolan
50. Large Plastic Container Filled With Many Useful Items— Kerndt Bros. Bank
51. \$25.00 Cash—Sandy Christopher
52. 12 Wrapped Carnations—Country Garden Flowers & Gifts, Decorah
53. Quilted Item—Red Roxy Quilt Shop, Decorah
54. \$10.00 Gift Certificate—Fireman Inn, Ridgeway
55. T-shirt and Koozie— Broker Leather, Decorah
56. \$100.00 Cash—Scott & Amy Courtney
57. \$50.00 Cash—Hemesath Painting & Repair; Custom Banks; Matt Hemesath
58. \$25.00 Fareway Gift Card—Fareway
59. \$50.00 Decorah Chamber Dollars—Viking State Bank & Trust, Decorah
60. \$10.00 Gift Certificate—Impact Coffee House, Decorah
61. \$50.00 Cash—Evelyn Kingsley
62. \$25.00 Cash—Loretta Henry
63. \$50.00 Cash—Hauber Angus
64. \$25.00 Cash—Sheil and Patti Courtney
65. Toy Car—Hovden Oil, Ridgeway
66. \$50.00 Cash—Anonymous
67. \$15.00 Gift Certificate— Country Café, Burr Oak
68. \$50.00 Cash—Ed and Sharon Christopher
69. Bluffton T-Shirt—Randy Logsdon
70. \$50.00 Cash—Shane Courtney
71. \$25.00 Cash—Doug and Shannon Tieskoetter
72. \$50.00 Cash—Mae Davis
73. \$25.00 Gift Card—Barney's Bar & Grill, Burr Oak
74. \$25.00 Visa Card— CUSB, Ridgeway
75. Gift Certificate & Gnome Ornament— Heavenly Made Gifts, Decorah
76. \$100.00 Cash—Louie & Pat Courtney
77. Gift Basket—Sparrows Candles and Gifts
78. Medium Pizza—High, Wide and Handsome, Decorah
79. \$50.00 Cash—Kenny and Robin White

## *Winners*

Amy Rediske  
Karen McIntyre

Sheil Courtney  
Diane Wathitz  
Rick Wemark  
Michelle Humpal  
DeAnn Cahalan  
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