

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 **November 9, 2020**, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Contact the parish office or email Fr. Jacob at: dbqrhouse@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 18, 2020

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

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 promptly.

Give of your substance rather than your surplus: Giving of your "first fruits" to God.

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

Strive to tithe or give sacrificially. The bible suggests 10% or perhaps the best guideline to giving sacrificially is to give in a way that forces you to give something up.

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

Please return your commitment sheet this weekend. A group of parishioners will be calling those who have not yet returned their sheets on Monday, Oct. 19. Thank you!

Next week's readings:

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"

Fr. Jacob will continue to live stream all weekday and weekend masses on his YouTube. You can access it by logging into our new parish website: notredamecresco.com and scroll down on the home page and click on the YouTube icon

Please keep in mind that the Archbishop has continued the dispensation from attendance at mass until further notice so if you have any concern (including age, health, etc.) about attending mass in church, please stay home!

Monday, October 19—No Mass.
Pray for everyone affected by Covid-19

Tuesday, October 20—Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.
5:15 p.m. +Don and Marie Sebastian

Wednesday, October 21—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Darlene Hellman

Thursday, October 22—Mass in church and livestreamed
School Mass: school personnel and students only in church
Public is invited to watch the livestream
9:00 a.m. +Don Shea

Friday, October 23—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Chester and Marian Rouchka

Saturday, October 24—Mass in church and livestreamed
4:00 p.m. +Reuben and Matilda Praska
EMs: Marcie Huhe, Becky McGee, Marlene Quinn, Margaret Ward
Lector: Ethan Rice
Servers: Awnan Skoda, Cody Sobolik
Music: Joe Wach, Suzanne Ollendick
Ushers: Dave and Robin Sobolik, Adam and Aidan Skoda

Sunday, October 25—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Nestor and Dolly Reicks
EMs: Jim Truka, Janet Andera, Mae Davis, Julie Haskovec
Lector: Jim Truka
Servers: Mason Regan
Music: Rita Roberts, Wendy Schatz
Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, Tony Roberts, Tom Mullen

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed
+Don Shea
EMs: Tom and Connie Frana, Sue Runyan, Tracy Hart
Lector: Sue Runyan
Servers: Alivia Schatz, Hadley Riehle
Music: Andrea Klimesh, Deb Moellers
Ushers: Don Dietzenbach Family

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving. Mother Teresa

Please note mass readings are available at USCCB.org and at Wordamongus.org

In Memory

Arkie and Joan Kleve Sanctuary Candle

Ben Phillips Altar Bread

Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family
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
Steve McCarville	Bill Smith
Art Svestka	Paige Nierling
Jerome Nibaur	Tom Thraenert
Brent Newman	Monica McGee Newman
Dick Ollendick	Arlene Kuennen
Wilma Daley	Marcia Murray
Marie Kreitzer	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beckett Dietzenbach
Mark Grube	Leona Kriener
Elizabeth Yount	Sadie Thraenert
Wayne Carolan	

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 Oct. 11, 2020

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 7,494.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 653.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 243.52

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

Check out our website: notredamecresco.com
You can now contribute to Notre Dame Parish through the website using your checking account or credit card. Also register as a new parishioner of Notre Dame Parish on the website. For more information, call the parish office.

Cornerstone Religious Education Program began on Oct. 7. If you have not yet registered, you may do so online at notredamecresco.com and click on the Faith Formation tab and scroll to Registration 2020-2021. If you have questions, call Melanie at 563 547-3565.

Stewardship Renewal Phon-a-Thon will be held on Mon., Oct. 19, 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls. If you are willing to help, please call the parish office, 563 547-3565. Thanks!

Stewardship Renewal Commitment Sheet Please return your Commitment Sheet to the parish office prior to Oct. 19 to avoid a phone call. If you did not receive one, please call the parish office, 563 547-3565. Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

Circles of Faith will **not** meet on Mon., Oct. 19.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m. KC Room.

Pastoral Council will **not** meet on Thurs., Oct. 22.

St. Anne Circle—October Dinner will not be held this year due to Covid. The circle will be collecting dues. A letter has been sent to the circle members. Thank you.

65% Tax Credit Too Good to be True? Not at all. If you file an Iowa Income Tax Return, your contributions to the *Our Faith School Tuition Organization* (STO) receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit, not a deduction, of \$650, which would lower your Iowa tax bill by \$650. In addition, your gift may qualify for federal deductibility. And that gift you made? It's going to provide \$1000 in need-based assistance to families in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. And your out of pocket cost for that gift? No more than \$350 and will be less if you itemize and are able to take the federal charitable gift deduction! It really is that simple. Visit www.ourfaithsto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800 876-3546 ext 219 to learn more.

Notre Dame Catholic School's Fall Fundraiser, Football Mania, is in full swing! With the NFL football season getting underway, now is a great time to play and support Notre Dame while vying for a chance to win cash prizes! Tickets can be purchased through any Notre Dame Catholic School student for \$20 each, or at the front office of the school. Tickets provide contest information and how to play. Help Notre Dame reach their goal of \$10,000 by purchasing tickets today! Good Luck!

Scrip Program includes Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Long John Silvers, Sue-Z-Q and Kwik Star. Gift cards are available for purchase at the parish office. Please call to place your order, 563 547-3565. Note: SCRIP will be sold at the masses the weekend of Nov. 7—8. *Thank you for your support of this worthwhile fundraiser.*

Liturgical Ministry Schedule: There is a liturgical schedule for the month of Oct. available on the parish website. *If you are willing to serve as an EM, Usher, Lector, Server or Musician during the month of November, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.*

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 ushers.

Congratulations to Ryan and McKayla (Abarr) Kreitzer, who were married at Notre Dame on Oct. 10; and **Sawyer and Randi (Carolan) Wise**, who were married at St. Bridget on Oct. 10.



A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped with the yard work around the rectory, church, office and school. Great job! It is much appreciated!

World Mission Sunday. On this World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call—to respond as missionaries, saying “Here I Am, Send Me.” Today we respond to that call, through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions—in places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence. . .in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom. . .in Oceania where peoples’ livelihoods are threatened by climate change. . .and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the gospel for the first time. Respond this World Mission Sunday by supporting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. Envelopes available on the brochure stand in church. Thank you.

Need Help With Your Heating Bill? The 2020-2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has been established to help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. You can complete applications by mail, email, phone, fax or online. Applications for ages 60 and older and/or disabled may be completed starting Oct. 1 to April 30. All other households may complete an application beginning on Nov. 1. For more information call in Cresco 563 547-4413; in Decorah 563 382-8436 ext. 150.

Immanuel Lutheran Church 27th Annual Fall Festival Dinner Sun., Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Curbside Only. Serving roast Pork meal. Tickets available at H&S Motors, Angie's Beauty Shop and the Immanuel Lutheran church Office. \$12.00. Only 500 tickets sold.

St. Clement's Annual Mass will be held on Thurs., Oct. 22 at 9:00 a.m. Wearing a mask is encouraged. We hope many can attend, but do understand if you do not feel comfortable during this pandemic time. We will be serving coffee and kolaches. God Bless and hope many of our friends will be able to attend.

St. Benedict, Decorah, Drive Thru Meatball Supper, Thurs., Oct. 29, 4:00—7:00 p.m. \$12.00. Pay when you drive thru. Follow the signs.

Waucoma 49th Annual Craft & Vendor Show Nov. 1—Dec. 31 online Facebook version. For more information go to the Waucoma Craft Show Facebook Page.

October—Respect Life Month

How to Build a Culture of Life

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life.

How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others.

His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away.

When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs.

We simply need to follow where He leads.
(Summary of USCCB Respect Life article)



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