

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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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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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. 7, 2022**, 7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Contact the parish office 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 11, 2022

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

This is a remarkable Sunday, centering on the theme of God's forgiveness. One of the first things to be said is God forgives like we don't forgive. So often if we are even inclined to forgive an injury it is done begrudgingly, hesitantly, with extracted promise from the other that they won't offend again.

God is different. Jesus speaks of a God who runs toward his wayward but returning son and plants kisses and hugs on him. All of heaven rejoice in the return of a sinner to God. This is different. Almost too good to be true. We find it hard to believe in a God that forgives so recklessly, so foolishly.

St. Paul did not have such difficulty. He is like the story of the prodigal son in action. St. Paul was a big time sinner. He presided over the stoning to death of the deacon, Stephen. He delighted in how much trouble and pain and misery he was imposing on the new Christians.

Suddenly Paul found himself in the embrace of the very one he was persecuting. And it was an embrace of love and forgiveness: "... I have been treated mercifully and the grace of our Lord has been granted me in overflowing measure. . ."

If God can change Paul there is hope for each and every one of us. God is always alert to any sign from us that we want to do better; God will embrace us in a forgiving love that will not let go.

Next week's readings:

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Monday, Sept. 12 No Mass—Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Sept. 13-Mass

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +James and Patricia Fisher

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Sept. 14 Mass

8:00 a.m. +Urban and Mickie Drilling

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Thursday, Sept. 15 Mass

9:00 a.m. +Don and Mary Ann Shea

Sacristan: Ken and Maryln Shores

2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +George Sobolik

Friday, Sept. 16 Mass

8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Steffen

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Sept. 17 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Clair Svestka

EMHCs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Marlene Ferrie

Lector: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Caleb and Dawson Holzer

Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

Greeters: Rita Shea, Pat Korsmo

Hosts: Steve and Terry Duerre

Ushers: Ray Schwarzhoff, Melvin Sobolik,
Dave and Robin Sobolik

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Sunday, Sept. 18 Mass

8:00 a.m. +Gordon Jirak

EMHCs: Boyd and Mary Turnbull, Connie Sindelar

Lectors: Boyd and Mary Turnbull

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Hosts: Mike and Rachel Gooder

Ushers: Tom Mullen, Richard Neubauer, Tony Roberts
Art Schwarzhoff

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

10:00 a.m. Mass +Frank McConnell

EMHCs: Jessica Kapler, Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Lectors: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Servers: Hadley and Harper Riehle

Music: Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman

Hosts: Brian and Jill McConnell

Ushers: Brian McConnell, Richard McConnell,
Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

The golden rule of friendship is to listen to others as you would have them listen to you.

**Note: Daily and 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday masses will no longer be livestreamed. 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will be livestreamed on: <https://tinyurl.com/ndcresco>*

Or by going to the parish website and clicking on the YouTube icon. You may access the 4:00 p.m. mass on Sunday and during the week.

September and October calendars are available on the parish website.

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka

Sanctuary Candle

Jim Kuennen

Altar Bread

Jim, Shirley, and Joseph McConnell

Missalettes (Sept.)

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	JoDene Van Dyke
Arlene Kuennen	Joyce Kapler
Don Neubauer	Bill Smith
Ann Burgess	Frances Kovarik Langham
Marilyn Novak	Marian Wiltgen
Magnus Forland	Thom Mahr
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beverly Koshatka
Janice Ries	Lavon Hyberger
Liz Yount	Brenda Anding
Craig Church	Gladie Church
Tom Kleve	Art Kuhn
Roger Kleve	Pat Henry

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

September 4, 2022

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$ 10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,541.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 672.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 439.00

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

Table of Plenty is available. 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. All produce left after 10:00 mass on Sunday will be donated to the local food pantry. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations are given to the local food pantry.

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. 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

Reverse Collection will be held this weekend, Sept. 10-11. Take a tag and return the item for the local food pantry.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Mon., Sept. 12, 5:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting rescheduled to Tues., Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., Sept. 14, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

Cornerstone Parent Meeting will be held on Sun., Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Notre Dame Parish Pictorial Directory! We have completed the photography sessions. Submitted pictures will be accepted until September 30; however, there will be a \$15.00 charge for each submitted picture; and if a professional picture, a release from the photographer is required. Parishioners submitting a picture will receive a free directory. *We are planning to do a military page—if you have a family member in active duty and would like to include their picture, please drop it off at the parish office.*

Notre Dame Catholic School's Fall Fundraiser, Football Mania. 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. Tickets can be bought at the school office or are available from K-6 grade students.

St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton Fall Dinner Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. serving Hot Beef Sundaes (Roast Beef, Real potatoes, gravy and topped off with cheese and cherry tomato); salads, bun, cookies/bar, bottle of water and eating utensils. Drive thru and on-site dining. \$12.00. Raffle tickets for many great prizes available.

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 and will be available the weekend of Sept. 10-11

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, WI is a place of ceaseless prayer for the corporal and spiritual welfare of God's children, especially those in most need. Join Fr. Knipper on a pilgrimage to the Shrine on Wed., Oct. 5. \$43 includes lunch. Bus will depart from Notre Dame Parish at 8:15 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. See Registration Form in bulletin this weekend or contact Notre Dame Parish Office 563 547-3565 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Council #1571 "NEWS FLASH"!! The emembership online promotion to join us for free the first year is going to continue. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus using promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY Questions, call 563 581-2239.

It's time to honor married couples for their long marriages. Please nominate couples for the Longest Married Couple Project by Sept. 15, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME). Go to www.wwme.org longest married couple link to place your nomination or call 321-544-3440 or email dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org

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 Eucharistic Ministers.

Peach Pies for sale! Homemade frozen unbaked peach pies are available at the parish office for \$15.00 each. Sponsored by the Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith.

We welcome Blakely Kate Andera, daughter of John and Katelyn Andera, who was baptized at Notre Dame on Sept. 4.



Congratulations to Walt and Joyce Mrachek as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15.

Lidtkke Mill Bingo Mon., Sept. 12, Sept. 19, 6:30—9:30 p.m. Food Available.

Lidtkke Mill Bingo Gone Wild Fri., Sept. 16, 30; 6:30—8:30 p.m. Bingo with a twist. Food available to purchase. Family Fun & Fitness.

Wexford Fish Fry Fri., Sept. 16 from 4:00—8:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out.

Stavanger Lutheran Fall Dinner, Sept. 17, Ossian Pavilion Carey's Park. Rain location Stavanger Lutheran Church.; serving 4:30—7:30 p.m. Roast Beef Sandwich, Cheesy potatoes, baked beans and bars.

Dad's Belgian Waffles Sept. 18, 8:00—11:30 a.m., Immaculate Conception, Elma. All you can eat waffles. Adults \$10; ages 6-10 \$5; 5 and under free.

Post Covid Concert Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sun., Sept. 18, 1:00 p.m. brought to you by Rick Nance, Karen LeFebvre, Kim Lehmkuhl and Sarah Holten.

Howard County Community Hospice will be offering a Grief Support Group to meet from Sept. 26 through Nov. 21. Registration is required. Registration is free. Registration closes Wed., Sept. 21 or when group reaches capacity. Register or for more information, call Brecka at 563 547-2989 or email brecka.putnam@avera.org.

Ossian Wellness Day Fri. Sept. 23, 6:30—8:30 a.m. Ossian Community Center, put on by Allen Hospital-Unity Point. Appointment required. Call Dietzenbach Financial at 563 562-1048 to schedule appointment.

Oktoberfest will be sponsored by 1891 Financial Life on Sat., Oct. 1st. The cost will be \$12.00 per person. A drive through dinner will be held from 4:30—7:00 p.m. at the German American Museum of St. Lucas. Each year the St. Lucas Historical Society holds the even in coordination with the traditional German event, Oktoberfest.

Sacred Heart Fall Festival, Walker, IA Sunday, September 18th 11 am to 1 pm Grilled Pork Loin Meals \$12, Seniors \$10, 4-8 years \$8, 3 & under free

In continuation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC Par. 1329-1330) "What is this Sacrament Called?"; another name for the Eucharist is the *Eucharistic Assembly (synaxis-^{*}liturgical assembly^{*})* because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the faithful, the visible expression of the Church.

The sacrament is also named the "*memorial* of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. The *Holy Sacrifice*, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior and includes the Church's offering.

The terms *holy sacrifice of the Mass*, "*sacrifice of praise*", *spiritual sacrifice*, *pure and holy sacrifice* are also used, since it completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant.

In remembrance of 9/11/01:

Dear God,

We seek your grace to strengthen us as we commemorate the lives of loved ones who have been lost on this day of anguish for our country and our world. Lord, teach your children to love each other as much as they profess to love you. Amen.

"When we go on pilgrimage, we leave the familiar surroundings of our everyday life to journey to a holy place." -- Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke



THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

SCHEDULE:

8:15 - DEPART NOTRE DAME PARISH
10:00 - ARRIVE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE
SCULPTURE OF ST. TEKAKWITHA
SCULPTURE OF ST. JOSEPH
11:00 - LUNCH PROVIDED
11:45 - ROSARY AND CONFESSION
12:15 - MASS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:30 - DEPART
5:00 - RETURN TO NOTRE DAME PARISH

**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION BELOW AND \$43.00 TO NOTRE
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