

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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Pastor**

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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. 13, 2023**, 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.

October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Stewardship Effort

Over the next several weeks our parish will be renewing our ongoing effort to educate and excite everyone about God's call to all of us to be better stewards and convert to or continue with this richly rewarding and wonderful way of living life.

A good Christian steward—in fact, a good Christian—is one who readily recognizes that all we have and are, are gifts from God, and as such, responds appropriately by praising and saying thank you to God regularly, by using and improving on the gifts given to them to the best of their ability, by sharing these gifts generously and lovingly, and by taking the steps necessary to perpetuate them so that they will live on indefinitely.

In short, to be a Christian steward is to be a better follower or disciple of Christ where we put ourselves in God's loving hands and make Him the focal point and priority in our lives.

Let all of us reflect and ponder on how we can better serve God as a Christian steward.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

Monday, Oct. 2—No Mass. Pray for vocations

Tuesday, Oct. 3—No 5:15 p.m. Mass

10:00—11:00 a.m. Visitation for Gary Ryan at St. Agnes

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Gary Ryan at St. Agnes

Wednesday, Oct. 4

8:00 a.m. +Sheri Conlan

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Thursday Oct. 5

9:00 a.m. +Steve McCarville

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Friday, Oct. 6

8:00 a.m. +Ben Phillips

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Oct. 7 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Zeno Kappes

EMHCs: Alanda Meyer, Duane Heit, Angie Kappes

Lector: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Sam Meyer

Music: Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Galen and Lavon Fye

Hosts: Galen and Lavon Fye

Ushers: Brian McGee, Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda

Sacristan: Brian McGee

Sunday, Oct. 8

8:00 a.m. +Ed and Marcella Opat

EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Julie Wilson, Joyce Jirak

Lector: Ken Hubka, Roger Kleve

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Janet Andera, Betty Hebrink

Hosts: Bart and Julie Wilson

Ushers: Dick Jones, Dale Lickteig, Ken Hruska, Cody Kerian

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

10:00 a.m. +Clair Svestka

EMHCs: Jed and Joyce Becker, Tracy Hart

Lector: Jed Becker, Tracy Hart

Servers: Hadley and Harper Riehle

Music: Teen Choir, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Audrey Hyke, Jerry Wilson

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Jerry Wilson,
Sue Sovereign

Sacristan: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

The goodness of God is unending and He will never be outdone in His generosity. Give all you can. He will give more.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Sept. 30 through March 31 has been emailed and is available on the parish website. If we do not have an email for you, there is a printed copy with your name on it in the front entrance of the church.

Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Sue-Z-Q, Atomic Pizza and Kwik Star. Cards available at the parish office and in church the weekend of Oct. 7-8.

In Memory

Francis Hyke; Francis Bouska Sanctuary Candle

Lorraine Munkel

Missalettes (Oct.)

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

Parker Byrnes

Makiah Pierce

Tom Rouchka

Arlene Kuennen

Bill Smith

Ann Burgess

Liz Yount

Lavon Hyberger

Mary Stejskal

Paula Growden

Randy Smith

Janice Ries

Bill Roberson

Lisa Peter

Ellie Lorenzo

Deb Wilkins

Luther Govern

Lonnie Dishinger

Stu Gordon

Dianne Kovarik

Dean Dietzenbach

JoDene Van Dyke

Joyce Kapler

Don Neubauer

Frances Kovarik Langham

Dan Pahl

Kevin Neuzil

John Gossman

Pat Smith

Beverly Koshatka

Brenda Anding

Shelly McAllister

Ethan Pepera

Colleen Voves

Donna Bruening

Dick Franks

Marinus Mlady

Audrey Grinhaus

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 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

Sept. 24, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,750.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 5,938.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 5,072.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 514.00

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room. The group will study the readings for the upcoming weekend. Everyone is welcome.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive will be held at all the masses next weekend, Oct. 7-8. Contributions will be accepted for Special Needs of Howard County. Thank you.

Cornerstone Registration is now open on the parish website: notredamecresco.com Classes begin **Oct. 4.**

Father/Son Game Day Sun., Oct. 1, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall. An afternoon of fun and games for fathers (father figures) and sons! Join us for lunch, games and fun for all ages. Hosted by the Notre Dame Parish Family Ministry Committee. For more information, contact Brian McGee at the parish office or dbq047ym@dbqarch.org

St. Bridget Oratory Hot Beef Sundae Meal Sun., Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Roast Beef/Gravy, Real Potatoes and topped off with cheese and cherry tomato, corn, salads, bun and bars/cookies. Drive thru w/onsite dining. Bringing back salad bar and country store. Adult tickets \$14. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Liturgy Committee will meet on Thurs., Oct. 5, 3:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

Grieving With Great HOPE will be offered at Notre Dame on Thursday evenings Oct. 12—Nov. 9, 6:00—8:00 p.m. "Grieving with Great HOPE" is a five week grief support workshop for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. \$10/participant or \$15/couple For more information contact the parish office.

October Youth Group Sessions High School Grades 9—12 will meet on Monday, Oct. 16, 7:00—8:00 p.m. Middle School Grades 6-8 will meet on Monday, Oct. 23 from 6:30—7:30 p.m. Join us in the parish hall for an evening of prayer, games, snacks and fun. These are not class sessions! Participants do not need to be parishioners to attend. Adult chaperones needed. Contact Brian McGee at b.mcgee@dbqarch.org for more information.

2023 Archdiocesan Catholic Parenting Conference **Saturday, October 28, 2023** will be held virtually at Notre Dame Church Hall from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Brian McGee at b.mcgee@dbqarch.org. Fee will depend upon number of participants. A light breakfast and lunch are provided. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. This will be a day to connect with other parents, to hear dynamic speakers, to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting, and to receive resources, insights, and information on various aspects of parenting to help you strengthen your domestic church!

Rosary Rally America is at a historical crossroads. America is suffering from a pandemic of looting, rioting, murder, moral and social collapse. We need God and the rosary more than ever. Please join us on Sat., Oct. 14 at 12:00 noon in the church. If there is a funeral, the rally will be at the Norb and Mary Gansen home. For more info call, 563 547-5495.

Holy Hour for Respect Life Month, Wednesday, October 4, 5:00 pm, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lawler. Refreshments to follow.

Practice for the Community Christmas Cantata will start on Wed., Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. All singers are welcome to join us. "Angels of Christmas" is the Cantata this year. (we did this one back in 2018) and music is provided. Please contact Rick Nance at 563-379-4781 with any questions. If there is ample interest, an alternate rehearsal time may be established.

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 those who lead the Rosary for funerals.

Notre Dame School needs custodians from 3:30—7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to apply, call Phil at 563 203-0710.

We welcome Steve and Jodi Lickteig who joined Notre Dame in September. If you are new to the area or have graduated from high school and have not yet joined a parish, contact the parish office to join Notre Dame.

Rosary Program - Our Lady (*Notre Dame*) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed on any piece of paper and drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. Monthly totals will be published in the bulletin. Rosaries, along with instructions on how to pray the rosary, and tally slips can be found in the News and Literature stand in the church entry. **Rosaries prayed in September: 304.** *Notre Dame, pray for us!*

2023 Archdiocesan Couples Event Friday, October 27, 2023 Couples are invited to attend a Couples Event to be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids on Friday, October 27, 2023. The evening will include dinner, presentations and socializing with other couples. A Kidzone will be available for children ages 1-11. To register and more information go to www.dbqarch.org/parenting-conference.

Equipped is a Christian ministry that serves to support and encourage first time mothers of babies 0—12 months, to provide mentorship from seasoned moms, grow in community with moms in the same stage of life and receive encouragement and love. Each meeting, in this 7 week series, focuses on a particular area in life that has been significantly impacted upon entering the vocation of motherhood and includes fellowship, a guest speaker and small group discussion. The upcoming session begins Oct. 5 and is held from 7:30—9:15 p.m. on Thursday evenings via zoom. Registration fee \$30. To register: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/92CSKYP8KQQHCHYM6](https://forms.gle/92CSKYP8KQQHCHYM6) or email Equipped. Virtual@gmail.com with any questions.

Lidtkke Mill Bingo Monday nights 6:30-9:30 p.m. Food available. Family, Fun & Fitness, Lime Springs.

Meatball Dinner Drive thru only at First Lutheran Church, Cresco, on Oct. 1, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. \$12 adults; 5 and under free.

Roast Beef and Ham Dinner Immaculate Conception Church, Riceville, IA, Oct. 1 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Drive Thru only. \$15.00

Sheep Shed Market, Little Turkey Iowa Saturday, October 7, 9 AM to 2 PM local vendors, drinks, food and live music

The annual fall mass at St. Clements, will be held on Thursday, October 5, 9 AM. Please come and share in this tradition. Hope to see you there. All are welcome. Fellowship with Kolaches and coffee to follow.

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.

Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life October—Respect Life Month

God our Creator, we give thanks to you,
who alone have the power to impart the breath of life
as you form each of us in our mother's womb;
Grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a child during pregnancy or infancy?

The *Behold Your Child* ministry was developed by the Archdiocese of Dubuque to help provide hope and healing for parents and families who have experienced a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death of a child (whether recently or years ago). **YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR LOSS.** Others who can empathize with your experiences are here to help and the Church is here to support you. Trained parish ministers are available to provide a listening ear, helpful resources, and guidance through the *Behold Your Child* ministry.



October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, and to commemorate this month we encourage all parents and families who have experienced prenatal, infant, or child loss to light a votive candle in the front of the church (Mary Altar) in memory of their loved one throughout October.

To learn more and find local support, contact: **The Notre Dame Parish Office**

At **(563) 547-3565** or **ndcrescoparish@gmail.com**

For more information and resources, visit www.DBQArch.org/BeholdYourChild



Join us
October 28
to connect with other parents

Parenting CONFERENCE

Livestream Event at Notre Dame Parish!
9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Join us Saturday, October 28th
for a livestream of the
Archdiocesan Parenting
Conference in the Parish Hall at
Notre Dame Parish!

This will be a day to connect with
other parents, listen to dynamic
speakers, and receive insights,
resources, and information on all
aspects of family life!



The graphic features the title "Parenting CONFERENCE" in a large, stylized font. Below the title are two photographs of the keynote speakers. The first photo shows Mike and Alicia Hemon, with the text "project" to their left. The second photo shows Jonathan and Amanda Teixeira, with the text "Wallet Wip" and "New Catholic Family Network" to their left. Below the photos, the text "KEYNOTE SPEAKERS" is displayed.

**RSVP to Brian McGee,
Coordinator of Youth and
Family Ministry by Friday,
October 20th at 4:00 PM**

b.mcgee@dbqarch.org

✓ Light Breakfast and lunch provided

✓ Admission cost depends on number of
participants enrolled-all are welcome!

✓ Doors open at 8:30 AM

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