



June 1, 2025
Solemnity of the Ascension

Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Christ led the disciples out as far as Bethany. Luke includes this detail to remind us of where Holy Week began—on Palm Sunday. Before entering Jerusalem, Jesus paused in Bethany and instructed His disciples to find a donkey for His entry. It was there, in Jerusalem, that He was first proclaimed “king.” Now, at the place where His triumphal entry began, He begins His triumphal exit—one that leads Him to His Kingdom at the right hand of the Father.

Like standing at the foot of the Cross, this moment could feel like a sorrowful ending. But we are an Easter people. We know this is a moment of profound joy. Earlier, Christ reminded His disciples that they were witnesses to all these things for a reason, but instructed them to remain in the city until they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke expands on this in the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, which is also our First Reading this weekend. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples stood staring upward. Honestly, who wouldn't? I'd be full of questions too: What does heaven look like? What do we do now? What just happened? Then two men in white appeared and asked why they were still looking up. They assured the disciples that Jesus would return.

Can you imagine being there—witnessing all of this firsthand? It would be awe-inspiring, something you'd want to share with everyone! But it might also be overwhelming. You might wrestle with fear of the unknown, self-doubt, anxiety about how others would respond, or confusion over how to even begin explaining it all. Christ understands us completely. He knows we need help to carry this Good News—not just to the world, but even to our closest friend. That's why He calls us to actively wait. The disciples had to wait for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit before they could step into the mission Christ had given them. It's tempting to rush ahead or try to do it all on our own, but without the Spirit, our efforts will fall short. The disciples had to trust in Jesus' promise—that the Spirit was coming, and that the wait would be worth it.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 14:15-16; 23b-26

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 2 | No Mass

+Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

Tuesday, June 3 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Bud and Mary Ann Billmyer
Sacristan: Stan & Connie Kepros

Wednesday, June 4 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +James Kuennen
Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve
Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, June 5 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Kathy Lorenzo Holcomb
Sacristan: Melanie Vobr

Friday, June 6 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Julius Hayek
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Saturday, June 7 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Larry & Kay Barnes
EMHCs: Steve & Terry Duerre; Angie Kappes
Lectors: Terry Duerre; Duane Heit
Servers: Lily Godman
Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson
Greeters: Galen & Lavon Fye
Hosts: Steve & Terry Duerre
Ushers: Bryan Sheehy; Dave, Robin, & Cody Sobolik
Sacristan: Harlan & Mary Larson

Sunday, June 8 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Tony Tremmel and Fr. Benjamin Tremmel
EMHCs: Connie Sindelar; Julie Wilson; Emily Dohlman-Govern
Lectors: Julie Wilson; Brooks Manske
Servers: Luther Govern; Oakley Vobr
Music: LuAnn McCormick; Wendy Schatz
Greeters: Bart & Julie Wilson; Terry Eckerman
Hosts: Bart & Julie Wilson
Ushers: Warren Steffen; Art Schwarzhoff; Tony Roberts; Richard Neubauer
Sacristan: Bill & Connie Sindelar

Sunday, June 8 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Fr. Dennis Conway
EMHCs: Sheila Slifka; Michelle Midthus; Don Dietzenbach
Lectors: Brian & Michelle Midthus
Servers: Marian Elsbernd; Claire Elsbernd
Music: Joe Wacha; Wendy Schatz
Greeters: Randy Mashek; Tommy Mashek
Hosts: Don Dietzenbach
Ushers: Don Dietzenbach; Randy Mashek; Tommy Mashek; Sue Sovereign
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

ROSARY PROGRAM

Our Lady (Notre Dame) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. The rosary is so powerful and carries with it so many graces. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed on any piece of paper and drop it into the collection basket as part of your offering. Monthly totals will be published in the bulletin.

Rosaries prayed in May: 152.



Stewardship of Prayer

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

CONNIE FRANA	MATT DUERRE	JERRY SMITH	TONY WICKS
JODENE VAN DYKE	JOYCE KAPLER	BETTE SULLIVAN	TESS SHEEHY
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LISA PETER	DIANE KOVARIK	MALISSA KAPPES	
CLARE STEJSKAL	VICKI MCGEE	ED KOVARIK	
STU GORDON	MARY STEVENSON	MATTHEW FERRIE	

You are cordially invited to a birthday party!

When: Pentecost (next weekend)

Where: Your Parish

Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday

Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were covering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

- Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream. Rather than singing “Happy Birthday,” recite a prayer for Pentecost.
- Wear something red. The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, etc. See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.
- Read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.



Stewardship of Offering

MAY 25, 2025

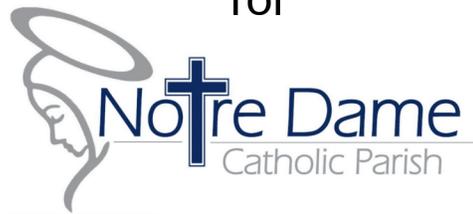
Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,667.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 805.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 456.41

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would one day receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

Disciple Maker Index Survey Report Conclusion

for



This past December (2024), our parish took part in a 75-question survey administered by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The purpose of this survey was to give us a deeper perspective on four factors of a thriving parish which include:

- Spiritual Practices
- Missionary Impulse
- Sunday Experience
- Leadership Indicators

View all of the results at:

<https://notredamecresco.com/parish-news>



Conclusion

In this report, we will focus the questions related to parishioners' degree of belief in core teachings of the faith as well as a concluding summary of the Disciple Maker Index results for our parish.

366

RESPONDENTS

366 people took this survey, which is a good sample size both in respect to our number of registered families (896) and our average Sunday Mass attendance (~462 over a weekend).



RELIABLE DATA

The Catholic Leadership Institute considers anything over 10% of average Sunday Mass attendance as statistically significant.

Notre Dame Parish's Current Belief in Core Catholic Teaching

In this final report, we will focus on our parishioners' belief in core Catholic Teaching.

There are many aspects to believing and living the Catholic faith, and the following breaks down the seeds and fruits of our parish community at this time.

Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



in the teaching authority of the Church



In Jesus' moral teachings for my life as taught by the Church



Scripture is the word of God



Jesus died and rose from the dead for my salvation





Teaching Authority of the Church

The authority of the church is both universal and local. It encompasses the global church, our Archdiocese, and our parish. All of these being led by the Holy Spirit's guidance to bring God's children to heaven.

Through the Holy Spirit's guidance, the Church gives us structure from both Scripture and Tradition. This structure helps us to build the Kingdom of God on earth in our day-by-day living and to make choices that leads us to our goal of eternal life with God in heaven.

We can still grow!

It's ok to be a Thomas and have doubts when you don't understand. Christ never condemned him but encouraged him to have faith in the midst of doubt. You can find the answers to your questions by speaking with others who are knowledgeable in the area, see what resources our parish has on the topic, or visit the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Check out this website for more information on topics you might have questions about.



Jesus' Moral Teachings

God knows us intimately and Jesus experienced all that we experience (except sin) as humans on earth. He knows exactly what we need to feel like we belong, we have a purpose, and we are unconditionally loved.

Just like a parent has rules for their child(ren) to keep them safe, God has rules for us. These are not meant to restrict us, but to free us to have life and life abundantly.

We can still grow!

There are seven "deadly sins" that are called "deadly" because they lead to further distance from the Father. They are pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth. It is important to replace these sins with the seven lively virtues of: faith, hope, love, prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.

Want to know more about the seven sins and seven virtues? Check out this YouTube video.



Scripture is the Word of God

God inspired human authors to write down His Word in a specific time and place for the benefit of all of his children. The Holy Spirit guides the Church in the correct interpretation of the Scriptures to help us understand the Truths and spiritual realities found within.

How can we grow?

The Catholic Church does not always interpret the Bible literally.

We know that it reveals a spiritual truth through different literary forms. It is not a book to be read cover to cover, but a library of books that we go back to again and again. The Church provides us with many resources to help us interpret the Truth revealed in the Bible that can apply to our current circumstance.

These include:

- Commentaries written by scholars (a wonderful set of these for the New Testament was donated by a parishioner for public use within our parish office setting).
- Bible Studies (held on Wednesdays at the Parish Office at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.)
- Bible in a Year podcast
- and many more...

The Bible in a Year & More on YouTube



Jesus Died and Rose for my Salvation

This is a great Truth. We proclaim it at each Mass when we say, "Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again." as well as any time we pray the Creed or the Rosary.

How can we grow?

This teaching is the fundamental difference between us as Christians and any other faith tradition. We can affirm, announce, and live in this belief by:

- Participating in the Mass every weekend
- Regularly receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (available before every Mass)
- Prayerfully reflecting upon the words of the Creed.
- Joyfully share your witness

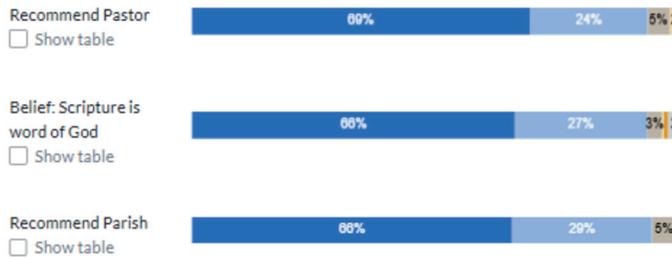
Here's a humorous video on how and how not to share your faith with others.



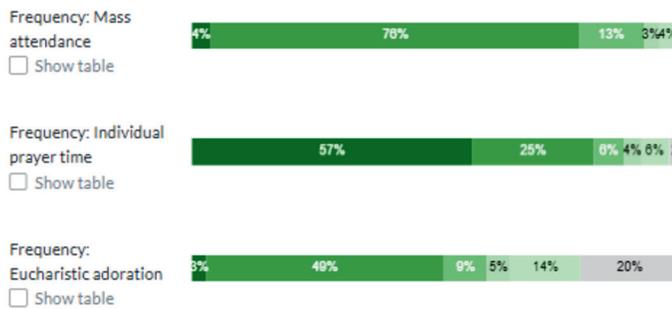
In conclusion...

Strengths

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree

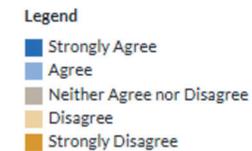
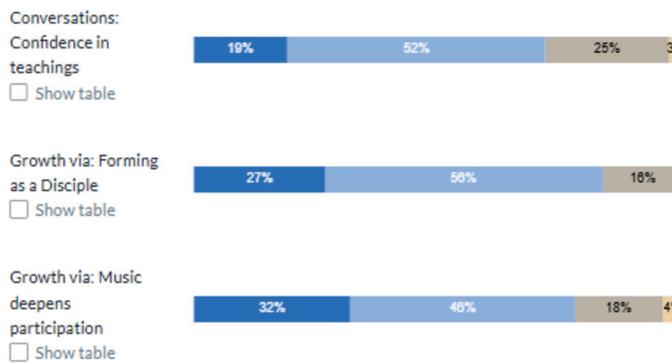


Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often

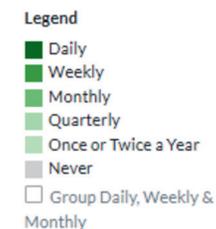
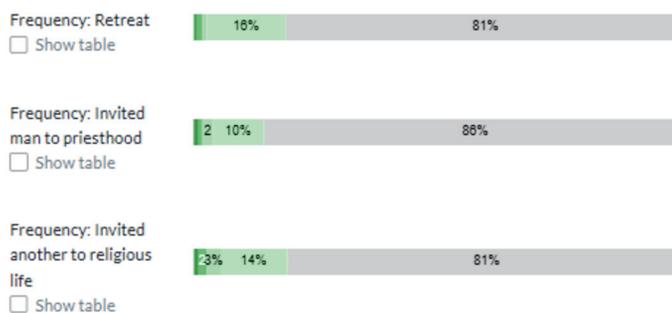


Opportunities

Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree



Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often



TAKE NOTE:

Trivia Night, Save the date for Trivia Night 4! It will be held in the Parish Hall on July 11th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Teams can enroll online and profit goes to the Youth Ministry Program of Notre Dame!

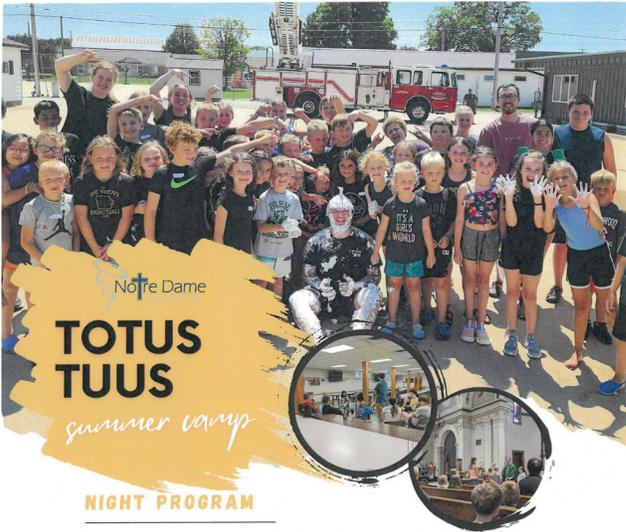


Our Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Richard "Dick" Sobolik
and
Paula Growden

(Sister of Pat Svestka)



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summer camp

NIGHT PROGRAM

Grades

All students entering 7th-12th grade in the 2025-2026 school year.

Sunday-Thursdays

Students will meet the 27th through the 31st in the school library and leave from the church.

6:30PM-8:45PM

Students will spend time playing group games, hearing witness talks from the missionaries, sharing a meal and praying together.

JULY 27-AUG 1

\$25/PERSON
\$65/FAMILY

DAY PROGRAM

Grades

All students entering 1st-6th grade in the 2025-2026 school year.

Monday-Friday

Students will meet and leave from the parish hall the 28th-31st. Students must bring a sack lunch.

9:00AM-2:30PM

Students will have powered learning sessions mixed with games, songs, Totus Tuus Theater, Mass and more!

REGISTER
HERE:



This Week at Notre Dame

Happy Birthday!, celebrate the birthday of our Church at Bible Study on Wednesday, June 4th, at either the 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. sessions. All are welcome to attend. No registration or prior attendance needed.

Liturgy Committee will meet on Thursday, June 5th at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

SCRIP Gift Cards for area businesses will be sold at next weekend's Masses. A portion of the sale goes back to our Notre Dame School.

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In the Community

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St. Wenceslaus Annual Garage Sale. Saturday, June 7, 7am-1pm. at St. Teresa of Calcutta school gym, Spillville. Books, garden tools, kitchen items, toys, small desk, book shelf, and lots and lots of miscellaneous items. We have a large assortment of items from an estate sale including Dvorak and Czech items. Something for everyone. Also a bake sale with kolaches, Rohlichy, cookies, etc.

Chicken Dinner, hosted by the Elma IC Church, will be held at the Elma Memorial Home on Sunday, June 8th from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Serving: Mike Reicks' fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, rolls and butter, dessert, and beverage. Cost is \$15/person. Dine in or carryout. Delivery is available within city limits if called in by June 7th to 641-330-8288.

Blood Drive, hosted by LifeServe will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, from 12-5:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall (103 2nd Ave SE). Text LIFESERVE to 999.777. Call 800.287.4903. Visit lifeserve.info/schedule.

Fair Stand Sign-Up

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