



Notre Dame School student with care center resident

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10: 25-37

*“Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
=you have the words of everlasting life.”*

In today’s readings, we are invited to reflect on what it truly means to follow God’s call and live in His love. Whether through the clear direction of Deuteronomy, the supremacy of Christ in Colossians, or the profound challenge of the Good Samaritan in Luke, we are given a unified message of living out God’s will in the world.

In Deuteronomy 30:10-14, God speaks directly to His people, reminding them that His commands are not distant or unattainable, but near to them—“in your mouth and in your heart.” God’s word is not an abstract ideal, but a living, breathing part of our lives, ready to guide us in every decision. He calls us to choose life by following His commandments, which are infused with His presence and love. The invitation is simple: to choose life, we need only to listen and act on what God has already placed within us.

In Colossians 1:15-20, we are reminded that the very essence of God is revealed in Christ. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, through whom all things were made and are reconciled. Christ stands as the bridge between God and humanity, showing us what it means to love fully, to reconcile, and to bring peace. In Jesus, the fullness of God dwells—offering us a glimpse of the life we are called to live. His example is one of sacrificial love and mercy, calling us to follow His lead.

Then, in Luke 10:25-37, Jesus expands our understanding of love through the parable of the Good Samaritan. When asked, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus challenges us not to limit our love to those we know or feel comfortable with, but to extend it to all who are in need. The Samaritan, a cultural outsider, shows mercy to the wounded man, going beyond expectations and societal boundaries. This story asks us: How far are we willing to go to show mercy? Who are the people on the margins that God is calling us to love?

Taken together, these readings invite us to live out God’s word with compassion and mercy. The call to follow God’s commandments is not an abstract idea—it is lived out in tangible acts of love and service. The call to love our neighbor is not just about those who are like us, but everyone in need. Christ, who is the fullness of God, is the ultimate model for this life of love. Through His example, we see how to love not just in words but in action, even when it requires sacrifice.

As we leave today, let us remember that God’s word is near, Christ is supreme, and our neighbors are anyone in need of mercy. The challenge is clear: to choose life by living the love that God has already shown us. May we be empowered by His Word and strengthened by His love to be a true neighbor to all.

Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 14 | No Mass
+Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

Tuesday, July 15 | No Mass

Wednesday, July 16 | No Mass

Thursday, July 17 | No Mass

Friday, July 18 | No Mass

Saturday, July 19 | Mass
4:00 p.m. +Aaron and Lillian Dusheck
EMHCs: Angie Kappes; Lisa Kimball;
Mary Larson
Lectors: Cheryl Brannon; Mary Larson
Servers: Brynn Brannon
Music: Pam Daley; Polly Jones
Greeters: Joe & Lynn Rose
Hosts: Bootie Kapler
Ushers: Steve & Terry Duerre; Joe &
Lynn Rose
Sacristan: Carol Stoker; Mindy Jones

Sunday, July 20 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Jean Vobr
EMHCs: Boyd Turnbull; Patti Guyer;
Barb O'Donnell
Lectors: Brooks Manske; Boyd
Turnbull
Servers: Raelynn Fortney; Oakley Vobr
Music: LuAnn McCormick; Polly Jones
Greeters: Janet Andera; Sheila Grabau
Hosts: Jordan & Patti Guyer
Ushers: Jordan Guyer; Dick Jones;
Richard Neubauer; Warren
Steffen
Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

Sunday, July 20 | Mass
10:00 a.m. +Earl Henry
EMHCs: Sue Runyan; Michelle Midthus;
Jodi Dull
Lectors: Brian & Michelle Midthus
Servers: Landree McCarville; Sully
McCarville, Bria McCarville
Music: Joe Wach; Polly Jones
Greeters: Ken & Nita Hackman
Hosts: Brad & Jodi Dull
Ushers: Brad & Jodi Dull; Randy
Mashek; Tommy Mashek
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

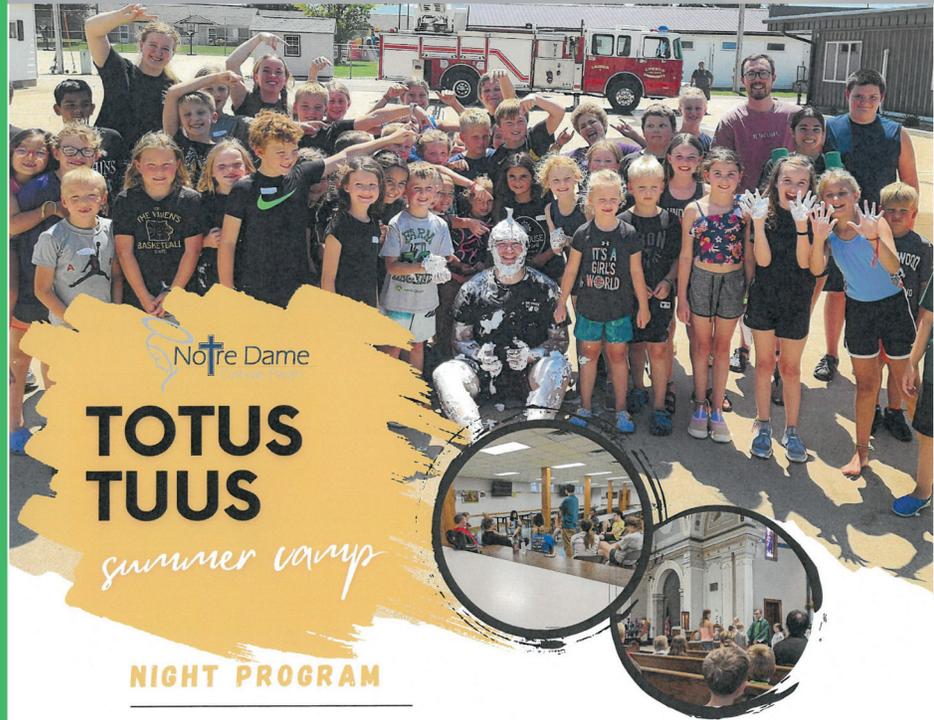


Bread: For the People

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
ETHAN PEPERA	DEB WILKINS	BRENT NEWMAN	WAYNE SCRABECK
LISA PETER	DIANE KOVARIK	MALISSA KAPPES	ED KOVARIK
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STU GORDON	MARY STEVENSON	JIM DIETZENBACH	KYLE SLIFKA
JIM MURPHY	DAVE BOELMAN	MARK TIESKOTTER	KEN HRUSKA



NIGHT PROGRAM

Grades

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

Sunday-Thursday

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-1st. 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:



Stewardship of Offering

JULY 6, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 6,169.70
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 805.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 599.00

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers - and us - to go and do the same!

TAKE NOTE:

Parish Picnic, Save the date for the 2025 Parish Picnic! Our Family Ministry Committee would love to see everyone join them at the picnic on July 31st at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Outdoor activities will be held on the playground.

Outdoor Concert, Save the date for Steve Angrisano's concert at our parish August 15.

Our Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Pam Becker

(Sister of Jed Becker)

and

Michael Langham

(cousin of Di Kovarik)

and

Victor Fye

(brother of Galen Fye)



There will be an all-priest gathering to focus on leadership and prayerful discernment of the Journey in Faith Pastoral Planning initiative on Thursday, July 17.

We ask all parishioners to pray the rosary or offer another prayer on Thursday, July 17 for the success of Journey in Faith.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Lourdes, IA

Saturday, July 26-STEPPLE DAY

KC Pancake Breakfast, 8-11; Tractor Pull - 10;
Kiddie & Garden Pulls - 11; Bingo - 11:30-1;
Country Store, Parade-2

Sunday, July 27 - 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Polka Mass-11, Rod Cerar Band,
Fr. J. Haugen & Fr. T. Dusabe

Roast Beef/Pork Dinner, 11:30-1:30: Adults \$16 in advance, \$17 at the door, kids ages 5-11, \$8. Pre-sales appreciated to estimate # of meals to order.

Car Show, 12-3. On grounds: Ice Cream, Face Painting, Souvenirs. Time capsule & A Visit to Stone City, 2 - in the church.

This Week at Notre Dame

Parish Hall will not be usable from July 5-20th so that our maintenance team can re-wax the floor. Trivia Night previously scheduled for July 11th will be rescheduled.

Card Party will be held on Monday, July 14th, in the Parish Office at 2:00 p.m. *Please note the change of location.*

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, July 15th, at 7:00 p.m.



RENEW, RELAX, RESET



Take a break that actually fills you up.

Burned out? Overstimulated? Spiritually dry?

This retreat is a space to pause, reflect, and reset your soul. No pressure. Just presence. Come spend a few hours away from the noise and let God meet you right where you are—with peace, beauty, and truth.

- Real-life stories about burnout, healing, and finding peace in Christ
- Canvas painting + journaling (yes, you get to keep your art)
- Time for stillness and Adoration (optional Confession too)
- Authentic conversations with other young adults
- Free coffee, food, and good vibes

July 26
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Parish Hall

In the Community

Annual Summer Picnic Potluck, hosted by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 33 in Spillville, will be held Sunday, July 13th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Spillville Library (201 Oak St). Meat, beverages, and table setting will be provided. There will be prizes for Bingo and door prizes as well. Members and their families are welcomed to come for a good time.

Calmar 175th Celebration 5K will be held on Saturday, July 19, with registration from 8-8:20, opening ceremony at 8:25, and the race starting at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be at approx. 9:30 a.m. You can register at: <https://forms.gle/SLh5iLED4ohzAD8y9>. T-shirts are only guaranteed for pre-registered participants who have paid by July 9. \$30 registration fee.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Lawler/Jerico invites you to their annual Ice Cream Social supper at air-conditioned Bethany Hall, 1241 Pembroke Avenue, rural Lawler on Tues., July 30th 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Menu includes pork sandwiches, sides of potato salad, fruit & baked beans and a fabulous soft serve ice cream buffet. Advance tickets are not needed. Freewill donation at the door. Carry outs available. Raffle tickets for Quilt and cash prizes available at the door or from members. Any questions, contact Verna at 641-330-8778.

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