



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, oil on oak boards ca. 1628 by Jan Brueghel the Younger and Peter Paul Rubens, held in the National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*“You have received a Spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, Abba, Father.”*

Today’s readings draw us deeply into the mystery of hospitality and discipleship. In Genesis, Abraham sees three men standing near his tent. Without delay, he runs to greet them, bows low to the ground, offers water to wash their feet, and commands that bread be baked and a tender calf prepared. His welcome is immediate, generous, and filled with reverence. In opening his home to these strangers, Abraham encounters the Lord Himself, who promises a blessing beyond imagining – that Sarah will bear a son.

In the Gospel, we encounter another household and another form of welcome. Martha opens her home to Jesus and serves Him with diligence, while Mary sits at His feet, listening intently. Martha becomes burdened by her tasks, feeling abandoned in her work. Jesus does not dismiss Martha’s service, but He gently reminds her that only one thing is truly necessary, and that Mary has chosen the better part – to sit, listen, and be with Him.

Both of these encounters show us that hospitality is more than a cultural nicety. It is a spiritual act of recognizing the presence of God in our midst. Abraham welcomed with lavish service; Mary welcomed with silent attentiveness. Both forms of hospitality are essential to the Christian life. We are called to serve and to listen, to prepare meals and to pray, to work with diligence and to rest in His presence.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, reveals the foundation of this life of welcome: “the mystery hidden from ages and generations past. But now it has been manifested... it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.” The Lord whom Abraham welcomed under the oak of Mamre, the Lord whom Mary welcomed in her home, now dwells within us. The same Jesus sits in our churches, walks among our communities, and quietly waits for us in the hidden moments of our daily lives.

This week, let us ask ourselves:

- Do I rush through my days so burdened with work that I miss sitting at the feet of Jesus?
- Do I welcome interruptions as opportunities to encounter Christ in others?
- Do I begin my service with prayer, so that my work flows from love rather than anxiety?

May we open the tent of our hearts like Abraham, serve with joy like Martha, and rest in His presence like Mary. For Christ is in us – our hope of glory, our source of peace, and our reason for all that we do.

Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 12-14; Luke 11: 1-13

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 21 | No Mass

+Pray for Vocations to Religious Life

Tuesday, July 22 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Mary Jane Hudson
Sacristan: Duane Heit

Wednesday, July 23 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +John Tevis
Sacristan: Jed & Joyce Becker
Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, July 24 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Raymond, Shirley and Tory Hagen
Sacristan: Inez Kruse
2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans
+Scott Steffen

Friday, July 25 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Ann and Joe Neubauer
Sacristan: Jerry & Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, July 26 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Earl Sexton
EMHCs: Steve & Terry Duerre; Duane Heit
Lectors: Karen Hyke; Terry Duerre
Servers: Axton Langreck
Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson
Greeters: Pat Korsmo; Barb Prochaska
Hosts: Steve & Terry Duerre
Ushers: Joey Reinhart; Joe & Lynn Rose;
Steve Duerre
Sacristan: Karen Hyke; Joey Reinhart

Sunday, July 27 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Bill and Martha Hosek
EMHCs: Emily Dohlman-Govern; Julie
Wilson; Julie Haskovec
Lectors: Julie Wilson; Brooks Manske
Servers: Luther Govern; Cora Kach
Music: Dee Hosek; Jamie Fisk
Greeters: Pat & Mar Ollendieck
Hosts: Joe & Julie Haskovec
Ushers: Bart Wilson; Quentin & Darlene
Vsetecka; Dale Lickteig
Sacristan: Frank & Donna Ryant

Sunday, July 27 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Beverly Koshatka
EMHCs: Gary Langreck; Sue Runyan; Don
Dietzenbach
Lectors: Kayla Head; Sue Runyan
Servers: Charlie Klimesh; Marie Klimesh
Music: Melanie Vobr; Andrea Klimesh
Greeters: Chris & Amanda Keller
Hosts: Curtis & Kayla Head
Ushers: Don Dietzenbach; Matt Daley
Family; Richard McConnell
Sacristan: Jerry & Wanda Reicks



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
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ART & BEV BINA			



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.

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!

JULY 27-AUG 1

\$25/PERSON

\$65/FAMILY

REGISTER
HERE:



Stewardship of Offering

JULY 13, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,051.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,240.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 692.50

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?



PARISH PICNIC AND FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Notre Dame Family Ministry Committee is proud to present our annual Parish Picnic with a special showing of a free surprise family movie in the Parish Hall!

All are welcome to attend and may come and go as they wish.

Free will donations for the meal are appreciated!

Children are encouraged to bring a pillow, blanket, or stuffed animal to the movie!



THURSDAY JULY 31ST, 2025

MEAL BEGINS AT 5 PM

MOVIE STARTS AT 6 PM



Free-Will Donation

OUTDOOR CONCERT

STEVE ANGRISANO &
MARY'S MEALS

August 15, 2025 | 7:00 PM

223 2nd Ave E | Cresco, IA



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from 6-9 p.m.!

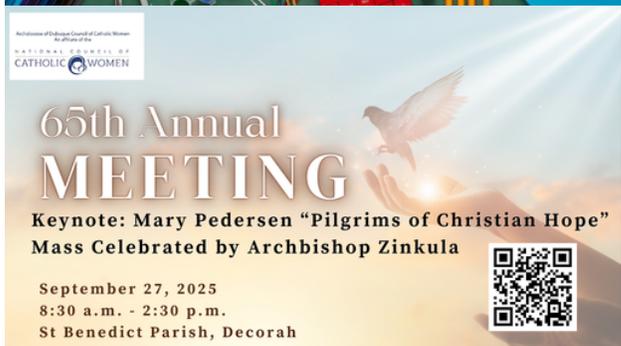
TAKE NOTE:

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 15th from 7-8:30 p.m. Food truck(s) will be available from 6-9 p.m. Bring your own seating.



14TH ANNUAL
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Donations taken until July 25th
(No adult clothing or dress shoes.)
Drop off at north door of Immanuel Lutheran Church



Archdiocese of Milwaukee Council of Catholic Women
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
65th Annual MEETING
Keynote: Mary Pedersen "Pilgrims of Christian Hope"
Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Zinkula
September 27, 2025
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St Benedict Parish, Decorah

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.

Parish Council will meet Thursday, July 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Cookies and Donuts will be served after each Mass next weekend.



Notre Dame Catholic Parish
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

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 29th 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.



TABLE OF PLENTY
Bring extra garden produce to the church entrance Saturdays after 3 p.m. through Sunday at 10 a.m. Produce left after 10:00 Mass will be donated to the food pantry. Feel free to take produce and leave a donation, which also goes to the food pantry.

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