



**August 3, 2025**  
***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

This Sunday's readings ask us to take an honest look at our lives and the direction we're heading. Are we working only for things that fade—possessions, status, worldly success—or are we storing up treasures in heaven that will never perish? Are our hearts anchored in the temporary or the eternal?

Ecclesiastes reminds us that so much of what we chase in this world is vanity, “a chasing after wind.” Paul calls us to seek what is above, where Christ is, not what is below. And in the Gospel, Jesus warns against building bigger barns for our wealth, only to leave it all behind in an instant. Life is fragile. Time is precious. We are not guaranteed tomorrow.

Francis Chan once illustrated this point with a long rope representing eternity. He held just a tiny inch of the rope and said, “This small red part—that’s your life on earth. The rest is eternity.” And yet how often we live as if that inch is all that matters. We invest our time, money, energy, and identity into the tiny red part while ignoring the forever that follows.

As parents, we want to give our children every opportunity—but the readings call us to keep things in perspective. There’s a 100% chance that your child will one day stand before God. But there's only a 0.02% chance they'll become a professional athlete. We want them to have the newest trend or gadget when they go back to school. **The question is: Are we preparing them for Heaven, or only for the spotlight of this world?**

Let’s not waste our lives chasing after what fades. Let’s show our children how to worship only the Father and follow His will. Let’s live in a way that reflects the peace, the purpose, and the priority of Christ. Let us build our lives—and lead our families—on what matters most: faith, love, generosity, holiness, and the eternal joy of life in Christ.

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# MASS SCHEDULE

## Monday, August 4 | No Mass

+Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

## Tuesday, August 5 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Cale Jackson

Sacristan: Karen Hyke

## Wednesday, August 6 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Colby Fye

Sacristan: Jerry O'Donnell

Music: Jed Becker

## Thursday, August 7 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Colby Fye

Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve

## Friday, August 8 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Norma Smith

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

## Saturday, August 9 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Aaron and Lillian Dusheck

EMHCs: Marlene Quinn; Jim & Anne Ott

Lectors: Marlene Quinn; Brian McGee

Servers: Lily Godman

Music: Pam Daley; Polly Jones

Greeters: Lois Ollendieck; Rita Shea

Hosts: Jim & Anne Ott

Ushers: Steve Duerre; Adam, Aidan, &

Awnan Skoda

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

## Sunday, August 10 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Dell and Monica Reicks; Pat Reicks

EMHCs: Patti Guyer; Julie Haskovec; Barb O'Donnell

Lectors: Ken Hubka; Boyd Turnbull

Servers: Claire Kach; James Kach

Music: Dee Hosek; Polly Jones

Greeters: Dale & Lynette Andera

Hosts: Jim & Lori Truka

Ushers: Dale & Lynette Andera; Jordan Guyer; Ken Hubka

Sacristan: Stan & Connie Kepros

## Sunday, August 10 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Joseph and Anna Svestka

EMHCs: Don Dietzenbach; Sue Runyan; Jodi Dull

Lectors: Nita Hackman; Gary Langreck

Servers: Laney Lickteig; Raelynn Fortney

Music: Joe Wachua; Polly Jones

Greeters: Randy Mashek; Tommy Mashek

Hosts: Ken & Nita Hackman

Ushers: Randy Mashek; Tommy Mashek;

Brad & Jodi Dull

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.

JODENE VAN DYKE	MATT DUERRE	JERRY SMITH	TONY WICKS
ETHAN PEPERA	JOYCE KAPLER	BETTE SULLIVAN	TESS SHEEHY
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STEVE ANGRISANO &  
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August 15, 2025 | 7:00 PM

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Food Trucks  
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## Stewardship of Offering

JULY 27, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

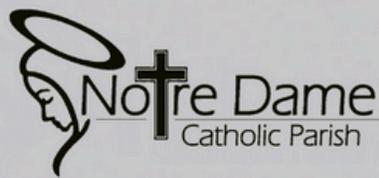
Needed each week: \$ 10,827.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 3,703.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 6,267.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 441.01

*Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?*



# ***Youth Bonfire***

Saturday  
August  
**9th**

Notre Dame Parish  
Parking Lot from  
6:00pm-8:30pm

Open to all students in  
grades 6-12!  
You do not have to be  
Catholic to attend!

Entry Fee is

**Free**

Join us for snacks, games and  
fellowship!

Bring your own lawn chair and  
favorite (church appropriate) games!

*Celebrate  
the last  
days of  
summer!!*

For more information:  
**Contact Brian McGee at  
[b.mcgee@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.mcgee@dbqarch.org)**





# GOOD NEWS SINGERS

## Adult Choir

Join our Good News Singers to lead our Parish community in worship through song! All interested adults are welcome to join-no previous choir experience required!

The Good News Singers sing on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as Holy Days throughout the year.

### UPCOMING DATES INCLUDE:

- Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM  
(Feast of the Assumption)
- Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00
- Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00

Rehearsal is 45 minutes  
before each Mass.

Contact the Parish Office  
for more information!



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**REGISTRATION 2025-2026**

**Kindergarten - Grade 5**  
Wednesday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and  
Thursday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Registration, lunch information and payment of fees for all students K-5 will be done in the 2 front offices at the Notre Dame School.

**Preschool Parent Meeting - Notre Dame Church Hall**  
Tuesday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.

**August 19 • 11 a.m.-7 p.m.**  
Grades K-5 Open House/Back to School Conference

**Classes for grades Kindergarten - Grade 5**  
begin Monday, August 25, 2025

**PLAYGROUP "FALL MEET & GREET"**  
AUGUST 26, 27 & 28 - BY APPT. ONLY

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
August 26 or August 27 - 3:30-6:00 p.m.  
Openings available in playgroup/preschool.

**Playgroup/Preschool classes begin Tuesday, September 2**  
For additional information, please call 563-547-4513  
Pastor: Fr. Jacob Rouse    Principal: Katie Schmitt

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## This Week at Notre Dame

**Preschool Parent Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, August 5th, in the Parish Hall from 5-7 p.m.

**Liturgy Committee** will meet in the Parish Office on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room.

**SCRIP** gift cards will be sold this weekend in the back of church.



## Connie's Garden

A flower garden in memory of Connie Frana is being planned for the southeast corner of parish office. If anyone would like to contribute to this project, please contact

Elaine Kleve or Julie Haskovec.

563-547-3289

563-203-0200

[kleve2011@yahoo.com](mailto:kleve2011@yahoo.com)

[jhaskovec@yahoo.com](mailto:jhaskovec@yahoo.com)

## Liturgical Schedule

New Liturgical Schedule will be coming out soon. If you'd like to be trained as a liturgical minister (usher, greeter, lector, host, Eucharistic Minister, server, etc.), please contact the parish office.

Current ministers, please send your October-March availability (including Holy Days) to **Melanie Vobr** by August 27<sup>th</sup>.

[m.vobr@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.vobr@dbqarch.org)

Thank you to all of the parishioners who came together to replace the front steps of Father's Rectory. It looks beautiful and he's grateful for the extra space this one provides.



Thank  
You.

## In the Community

**Become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus** on August 16, 2025. The Exemplification of membership ceremony will take place at St. Mary's in Spirit Lake, IA, but you will become an actual member of your local 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemble. For more information, contact Don Breuger at (712) 461-1321 (cell/text); (712) 336-4855 (landline); or [msgmccoykc@gmail.com](mailto:msgmccoykc@gmail.com).

**Blood Drive** on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 12-5 p.m. in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Cresco. To schedule an appointment, contact Pat at (563) 380-8954 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use Sponsor Code: CrescoIA. Give Aug 1-28, for a \$15 e-gift card and successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: [rcblood.org/test](http://rcblood.org/test).

**Holy Trinity's 47th Annual Czech Days** celebration will be held August 15-17 in Protivin. Some of the weekend festivities include kid's games, Bingo, cake walk, volleyball, softball, and bean bag tournaments, live music, polka Mass at 10:30 am on Sunday, raffle and auction, and great food at the Community Center (homemade chicken noodle soup, creamed chicken, rohlicky, kolaches, and more).

**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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## Baptism Class

All classes are held in the Church from 7-8PM.

August 11

November 10

February 9

May 11

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