



**August 17, 2025**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12: 49-53

*“I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.”*

Today’s Scriptures pull no punches—following God’s call is not always safe or easy, and it is rarely without cost.

In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah dares to speak God’s truth to a hostile audience. Instead of repenting, his listeners conspire against him, lowering him into a muddy cistern to silence his voice. It is a stark image of what can happen when faithfulness challenges the powers of the world.

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are not the first to face such trials. We are “surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” who have run this race before us—saints, prophets, and ordinary believers who endured hardship, yet remained faithful. We are called to throw off every burden and sin that clings to us, to fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He, too, endured opposition and suffering, but for the joy that awaited Him, He pressed on to victory.

In the Gospel, Jesus’ words may shock us: “I have come to set the earth on fire,” and “Do you think I have come to establish peace? No, but rather division.” The peace of Christ is not the shallow peace of avoiding conflict or ignoring injustice. His message brings light to darkness and truth to deception—and this sometimes divides families, friendships, and communities. The fire Jesus speaks of is the purifying fire of God’s love, which burns away all that keeps us from Him.

These readings challenge us to live courageously. They remind us that discipleship is not simply about comfort or convenience—it is about surrender, endurance, and trust. God does not promise an easy path, but He does promise His presence, His strength, and the joy of eternal life.

As we worship today, may we ask for the courage of Jeremiah, the perseverance encouraged in Hebrews, and the wholehearted commitment Christ demands—knowing that whatever the cost, His promises are worth it all.

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

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# MASS SCHEDULE

## Monday, August 18 | No Mass

+Pray for Vocations to Religious Life

## Tuesday, August 19 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Catherine and Jacob Steffen  
Sacristan: Karen Hyke

## Wednesday, August 20 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Hudson  
Sacristan: Donna Ryant

## Thursday, August 21 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Dan Courtney; Tom & Evelyn  
Andresen; Jay Courtney  
Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve  
1:00 p.m. Accura Mass  
+David Myers

## Friday, August 22 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Tony Tremmel & Fr. Benjamin  
Tremmel  
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

## Saturday, August 23 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Jim, Colleen, Joseph, and Suzanne  
Gebel

EMHCs: Brian McGee; Becky McGee; Mary  
Larson

Lectors: Cheryl Brannon; Mary Larson

Servers: Lily Godman

Music: Pam Daley; Andrea Klimesh

Greeters: Don & Lois Recker

Hosts: Don & Lois Recker

Ushers: Dave, Robin, & Cody Sobolik; Ray  
Schwarzhoff

Sacristan: Brian McGee

## Sunday, August 24 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe; Frank & Rita Schulte  
EMHCs: Emily Dohlman-Govern; Phil & Kim  
Walker

Lectors: Emily Dohlman-Govern; Ken Hubka

Servers: Luther Govern; Raelynn Fortney

Music: Dee Hosek; Andrea Klimesh

Greeters: Chuck & Sanna Feldman

Hosts: Quentin & Darlene Vsetecka

Ushers: Marvin Lensing; Quentin & Darlene  
Vsetecka; Dale Lickeig

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

## Sunday, August 24 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Vern Walker  
EMHCs: Michelle Midthus; Jerry O'Donnell;  
Sheila Slifka

Lectors: Brian & Michelle Midthus

Servers: Sebastian Gourley; Mason Keune

Music: Joe Wacha; Andrea Klimesh

Greeters: Wayne & Janet Kreitzer

Hosts: Jerry & Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Matt Daley Family; Sue Sovereign;

Sacristan: Jerry & Barb O'Donnell



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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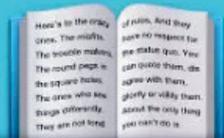
Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> was the Solemnity of the Assumption. This upcoming Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Memorial of Mary's Queenship. During this week, take some time to pray the rosary either once or every day. Here's why...



## 4 REASONS TO PRAY THE ROSARY

### IT'S BIBLICAL

The Rosary contemplates the great mysteries of the Christian Faith, each mystery has its source in holy Scriptures.



### IT HELPS US BE HOLIER

This prayer has been a great help to many in their path to holiness when prayed with devotion.



### THE VIRGIN HAS ASKED US TO

In several Marian apparitions (as Fatima), our Mother has asked us to pray the Rosary for the world's salvation.



### IT WEAKENS THE DEVIL

The Rosary has the effect of weakening the action of the devil in the world and in our lives.



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# Stewardship of Offering

AUGUST 10, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,883.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 805.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 469.01

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.



# IOWA TRIVIA NIGHT

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATE OF IOWA!**

**BRING A TEAM OF 4-8 PEOPLE TO THE PARISH HALL (CHURCH BASEMENT) ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:30-8:30 PM FOR AN EVENING OF IOWA TRIVIA!**

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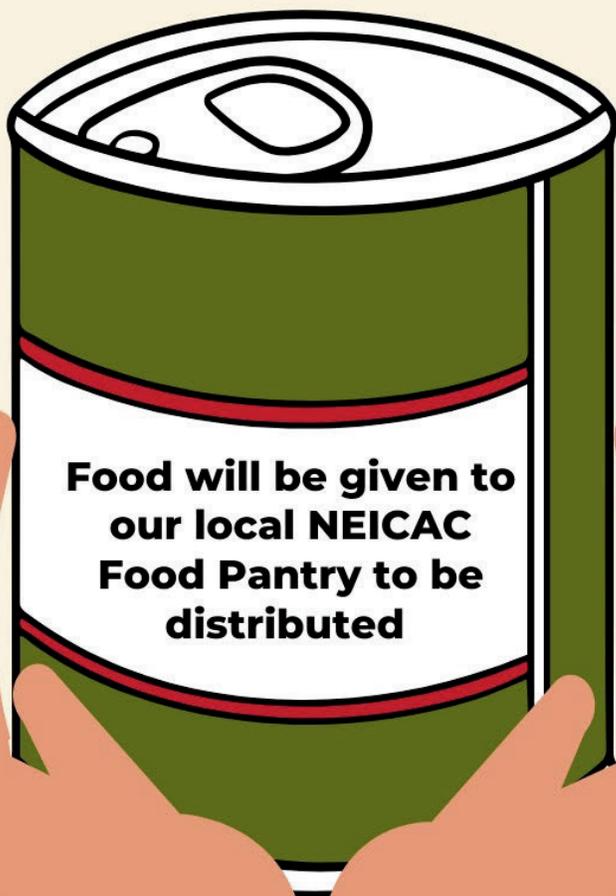


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**Thursday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
Registration, lunch information and payment of fees for all students K-5 will be done in the 2 front offices at the Notre Dame School.  
**Preschool Parent Meeting - Notre Dame Church Hall**  
**Tuesday, 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**  
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## This Week at Notre Dame

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Monday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Joseph Room of the Parish Office.

**Circles of Faith** will meet on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Funeral Planning Assistants** will meet for training on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Joseph Room of the Parish Office. All those who volunteer (or want to volunteer) for funeral ministries are invited to attend the second part of the training in the church at 2 p.m. At this second part, we will go over what to do as a funeral usher, sacristan, server, and cross bearer.

**Knights of Columbus Council #1571** will meet on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the KC Room in the Church.

**Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Anthony Nguyen C.Ss.R. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).**

## 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)



## 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

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## 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.

## In the Community

**You're invited to a Back to School Breakfast** hosted by our neighbors at St. Teresa of Calcutta - Ossian Site on Sunday, August 25, 2024, with breakfast served from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come enjoy a delicious meal and help support their parish community as we kick off the new school year together! The menu includes scrambled eggs with toppings, sliced ham, cubed potatoes, fruit cups, toast, homemade cinnamon rolls, and your choice of juice, milk, or hot coffee. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 6. Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends for a morning of great food and community spirit!

**Big games. Bigger prizes. Biggest impact.** This football season, LifeServe Blood Center is giving you the chance to win an Ultimate Tailgating Package just for donating blood and helping save lives in your community. *Donate at the VFW Hall on Wed, Aug 27 between 12-5:30 p.m.* and be automatically entered into a drawing for a grand prize package valued at over \$600. In addition to the grand prize winner, ten donors will receive smaller tailgate prize packs. The grand prize includes a mini grill or griddle, an Igloo cooler, a portable hammock or two camping chairs, and more. As a bonus, if you schedule your next donation appointment on the day of your visit, you'll receive a second entry into the drawing.

## BUDGET OFFERING COMMITMENT 2026

Please take a few moments to complete your budget commitment sheet—either online or using the form you received in the mail last week. Your response is an important part of helping us plan wisely and create a more accurate budget for our church's ministries and mission in the coming year. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support!



## KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2-3 days per week from 8-9:30 a.m. doing the dishes and washing tables

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