



Trust. Transform. Together.



**August 31, 2025**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

*"Lord Jesus, you accompanied your disciples on the way to Emmaus... as we journey in faith, we trust in your Spirit ... to transform our parishes... that we may travel together on mission..." -Journey in Faith Prayer*

This Sunday's readings invite us to see the world—and our lives—through the lens of humility. Sirach counsels, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." The wisdom is simple, yet profound: true greatness does not come from grasping for recognition, but from lowering ourselves before God and opening our hearts to others. A humble spirit creates space for grace.

The Letter to the Hebrews then lifts our eyes to the reality of God's kingdom. We are not meant to cower in fear, but to approach the living God with reverence and hope. In Christ, we have access to something far greater than earthly honor—we are invited into the heavenly Jerusalem, into communion with angels and saints, into a family bound together not by prestige but by God's mercy.

Finally, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus takes what seems ordinary—a dinner party—and turns it upside down. In a world obsessed with honor, seats of prestige, and social status, Jesus tells us that the way of discipleship is different. "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place ... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Even more, He asks us to extend invitations not just to those who can repay us, but to those on the margins: the poor, the sick, the forgotten. In other words, discipleship is not about seeking gain, but about offering love freely.

These words speak directly into our lives today, especially as we embrace the Archdiocese of Dubuque's Journey in Faith initiative. Just as the first disciples walked the road to Emmaus with hearts burning as Christ revealed Himself, so too are we being invited to walk together in humility, openness, and mission. The *Journey in Faith* prayer—and this process—echo the call of our readings:

- Trust — Sirach teaches us to entrust ourselves to humility, knowing God will provide. Journey in Faith asks us to trust in the Spirit's guidance, even in uncertain times.
- Transform — Hebrews shows us that we are already part of a heavenly reality. Journey in Faith seeks to transform our parishes and hearts, shaping us as missionary disciples who live for God's kingdom.
- Together — Jesus reminds us that discipleship means inviting everyone to the table, especially those most overlooked. Journey in Faith is precisely about walking together—not as isolated parishes, but as a family united in Christ.

As we move forward as a diocese, this path of humility is what will bear lasting fruit. Today, as we gather at the Eucharist—the banquet to which Christ invites all—we pray for the grace to live humbly, to trust the Spirit's lead, and to walk together in faith. May this Sunday's Gospel inspire us to make room at the table, not only in our parishes but in our hearts, so that all may find a home in Christ.

Next Week's Readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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# MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, September 1 | No Mass**  
+Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

**Tuesday, September 2 | Mass**  
5:15 p.m. +Sheri Conlan  
Sacristan: Karen Hyke

**Wednesday, September 3 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Regina and Otto Nehl  
Sacristan: Donna Ryant  
Music: Jed Becker

**Thursday, September 4 | Mass**  
9:00 a.m. +Lynne Lorenzo  
Sacristan: Joyce Jirak

**Friday, September 5 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. + Tom Herold and John Gosch  
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

**Saturday, September 6 | Mass**  
4:00 p.m. +Mary McMahon, Mary and Peter Gubash, Mary and Arnie Skoda, Arlyn Skoda  
EMHCs: Brian McGee; Jim & Anne Ott  
Lectors: Brian McGee; Karen Hyke  
Servers: Axton Langreck  
Music: Pam Daley; Deb Moellers  
Greeters: Galen & Lavon Fye  
Hosts: Gretchen Laub; Carver Munkel  
Ushers: Joey Reinhart; Gretchen Laub; Carver Munkel; Ray Schwarzhoff  
Sacristan: Karen Hyke; Joey Reinhart

**Sunday, September 7 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Nancy Lou Hruska  
EMHCs: Barb O'Donnell; Phil & Kim Walker  
Lectors: Brooks Manske; Boyd Turnbull  
Servers: Lincoln Manske  
Music: Dee Hosek; Deb Moellers  
Greeters: Betty Hebrink; Pat Pinter  
Hosts: Phil & Kim Walker  
Ushers: Warren Steffen; Art Schwarzhoff; Richard McConnell; Tom Mullen  
Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

**Sunday, September 7 | Mass**  
10:00 a.m. +James and Mary Kreitzer  
EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd; Tracy Hart; Sheila Slifka  
Lectors: Tracy Hart; Nita Hackman  
Servers: Sebastian Gourley; Liam Moon  
Music: Good News Singers; Deb Moellers  
Greeters: Audrey Hyke  
Hosts: Ken Hubka  
Ushers: Matt Daley Family; Sue Sovereign  
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka



Bread: Nancy Lou Hruska  
Wine: Nancy Lou Hruska  
Candle: 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
LISA PETER	DEB WILKINS	BRENT NEWMAN	WAYNE SCRABECK
CLARE STEJSKAL	DIANE KOVARIK	MALISSA KAPPES	ED KOVARIK
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BEV BINA	DAVE BOELMAN	MARSHALL LARSON	KEN HRUSKA
SHARON BOYD	MARIA LARSON	SARAH FRANKLIN	

**Notre Dame Catholic Parish**

# PRIESTHOOD CHAT

**ANY SINGLE MAN OR BOY WHO HAS A QUESTION ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST, OR THE LIFE OF A PRIEST, CAN COME AND TALK TO FATHER JACOB AT THIS COME AND GO EVENT**

*August 31st*  
**11:30 A.M.**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROOM  
ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ST E ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

## Stewardship of Offering

AUGUST 24, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,458.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 805.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 546.00

*In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!*



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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## RETREAT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

NOTRE DAME PARISH HALL

TAKE A BREAK WITH JESUS TO START THE  
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Notre Dame Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2025

The July 24, 2025 meeting of the Notre Dame Pastoral Council was called to order by Father Jacob Rouse. The group joined in upcoming gospel reflection and prayer. Present were Bryan Sheehy, Holly Manske, Jessica Johnson, Julie Wilson and Father Jacob Rouse. Absent: Keith Wherry, Patti Guyer, Janel Langreck, Joe Wacha and Jami Schwickerath.

The minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Bryan Sheehy made motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Julie Wilson.

Father Jacob welcomed Jessica Johnson and Julie Wilson for their first term on Pastoral Council.

Joe Wacha was nominated for Chairperson of the Pastoral Council by consensus of an email vote and Joe has accepted the position of Chairperson.

Julie Wilson was nominated for Vice Chairperson of the Pastoral Council by consensus of an email vote and Julie has accepted the position of Vice Chairperson.

Jami Schwickerath was nominated for Secretary of the Pastoral Council by consensus of an email vote and Jami has accepted the position of Secretary.

Committee appointments: Liturgy: Joe Wacha. Community Life: Julie Wilson. Buildings and Grounds: Bryan Sheehy and Keith Wherry. Emergency Management: Keith Wherry. Finance: Jessica Johnson. Stewardship: Janel Langreck. Representatives from the following committees: Faith Formation: Jami Schwickerath. Catholic School Board: Holly Manske. Stewardship: Patti Guyer. Finance: Jessica Johnson.

Authorization of signatures on parish accounts: By consensus of an email, the authorized signatures on the Notre Dame Corporation Bank Accounts will be Pastor, Fr. Jacob Rouse; Principal, Katie Schmitt; and Pastoral Council Chair, Joe Wacha.

Conflict of Interest Forms were completed.

The minutes of the June 5 Liturgy Committee Meeting were reviewed. Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Ordinary Time will be decorated as usual. The Carillon equipment is here and ready to install. The live stream experience will be updated.

The minutes from the May 19 Circle of Faith meeting were reviewed.

The minutes from the Faith Formation Commission meeting held June 19 were reviewed. This year will be year 3 of the Cornerstone rotation. Cornerstone will have the same format as last year. There will be a meal along with Father's presentation the first week of the month, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week will be class in the classrooms and the 4<sup>th</sup> week will be a week of family time and sacramental prep. The Trivia night sponsored by Youth Ministry will be rescheduled to the fall. Family Ministry breaks for the months of May and June. It will resume with the Parish Family Picnic and movie night on Thursday, July 31 at 5pm in the parish hall. Totus Tuus is being held the week of July 27-Aug. 1. During school religion class this spring, each of Brian's classes held a fake conclave. It was a unique way to teach about the election process of the Pope. The Steve Agrisano Outdoor Concert will be held August 15. It will benefit Mary's Meals. The Renew, Relax, Reset retreat will be rescheduled. Deep Dive sessions presented by the Archdiocese is bringing new ideas and energies to the Parish staff, which include wedding anniversary cards being sent, offering public office hours at Fat T's and highlighting our parishioners in the community by displaying newspaper clippings on a bulletin board in the church. The Eucharistic procession was excellent despite the heat wave. The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University program was discussed. It will be held on Wednesday nights to allow Cornerstone families to attend.

Holly Manske reported on the School Board meeting that was held on May 14. A marketing director was hired and she will be shared with 5 schools. Reports were given on STO and ESA applications. School staff is full. Changing the charge of the Kid's Club was discussed. Welcome to newly appointed board member, Josie Hrdlicka.

The minutes from the June 16 Stewardship meeting was reviewed. It was brought up that due to the lack of employees at the food bank, it has been difficult to drop off donations from the reverse collection. The Don Davis Fund is continuing to help the community. The fund has provided gas cards to the police department and has provided the Salvation Army with funds. It was reported that the donations to the local food pantry have been very good.

The Finance meeting did not meet yet for the July meeting due to lack of members. The committee will meet in August. The finance reports for the end of the fiscal year were reviewed. Parish income is at 92.58% of budget at end of fiscal year and the expenses are at 102.25%. The School income is 98.25% of budget and the expenses are 98.34%.

Father reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee July 10 meeting. There is a running list of projects for the church and school. The committee discusses these projects and prioritizes them along with the estimated cost.

Jessica Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bryan Sheehy. Motion approved by consensus.

The next meeting will be Oct. 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Jones  
Recording Secretary

**Notre Dame Parish/School July 2024- June 2025**

<b>Receipts</b>	
<b>Church</b>	
Advertising	\$ 9,400.00
Budget - Adults/Youth	\$ 548,768.70
Donations/Gifts	\$ 23,984.34
Easter/Christmas/Thanksgiving	\$ 29,034.80
Faith Formation Adult	\$ 1,457.58
Int/Div	\$ 5,129.77
Offertory	\$ 28,608.50
Rent	\$ 618.48
Sacramental offerings	\$ 18,278.05
Youth Faith Formation	\$ 16,625.90
<b>School</b>	
Tuition/STO	\$ 636,785.05
Donations/Gifts	\$ 74,647.90
Kids Club	\$ 2,778.55
Scrip	\$ 174,258.76
Fundraising	\$ 77,960.55
Interest/Dividends	\$ 7,634.15
Other Income	\$ 4,738.82
Grants	\$ 66,929.80
Fair Stand	\$ 27,074.55
Snack Income	\$ 3,361.65
<b>Lunch</b>	
Lunches/Breakfast/Milk	\$ 37,770.21
Government reimbursements/rebates	\$ 20,992.51
Donations	\$ 200.00
Improvements	
To School Savings	\$ (46,480.80)
From School Savings	\$ 80,000.00
To Parish Savings	\$ (257.08)
From Parish Savings	\$ 50,000.00
From DAPP/Taxa Savings	\$ 9,000.00
Liabilities	\$ 1,454.90
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,910,755.64</b>
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<b>Cash Bal June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 47,228.85</b>
<b>Total to Acct. for Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,957,984.49</b>
<b>Cash Bal. June 30, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 38,061.72</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Arch Loan Balance	\$ 135,988.36
Good Samaritan	\$ 1,153.80
Landscaping	\$ 230.00

<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Church</b>	
Adult Faith Formation	\$ 3,997.05
Arch Taxa/Collections	\$ 26,537.18
D&L Loan Int	\$ 4,191.36
Community Life	\$ (589.73)
Household	\$ 7,570.67
Property insurance	\$ 18,641.00
Lit/Sac	\$ 13,464.15
Maintenance/Imp.	\$ 45,523.26
Office	\$ 20,934.59
Payroll Expenses	\$ 297,293.44
Priest Ins/Retirement	\$ 16,900.00
Sub Priest/mileage/Pro. Expenses	\$ 4,720.31
Utilities	\$ 43,350.36
Youth Faith Formation	\$ 12,609.93
<b>School</b>	
Instruction	\$ 57,018.84
Administration	\$ 23,095.83
Fundraising	\$ 17,578.50
Fair Stand	\$ 12,369.89
Scrip	\$ 172,057.95
Maintenance	\$ 24,771.95
Capital Outlay	\$ 38,952.13
Fixed charges	\$ 561.10
Student Activity	\$ 5,961.01
Payroll Expenses	\$ 909,391.28
Lunch Benefit	\$ 6,382.60
Utilities	\$ 34,187.23
Snack Expense	\$ 2,948.31
<b>Lunch</b>	
Milk	\$ 10,097.20
Food Supplies	\$ 24,148.27
Supplies	\$ 2,573.18
Mileage/Staff Development	\$ 828.98
Bookkeeping	\$ 350.84
Utilities	\$ 650.64
Payroll Expenses	\$ 60,853.47
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,919,922.77</b>

<b>Church Assets</b>	
Hoffman Trust	\$ 24,131.08
Improvement Fund	\$ 913.75
Church Renovation	\$ 3,417.95
ND Parish Savings	\$ 43,227.48
Parsih Capital Campaign	\$ 179.39
ND Parish CFAD	\$ 107,975.04
ND Funding our Future	\$ 8,185.56
ND DAPP/Taxa savings	\$ 249.95

<b>School Assets</b>	
CFAD Dietenbach School Tuition	\$ 104,805.44
CFAD Msgr. Heineman Endowment	\$ 205,402.29
Drilling Trust-D&L	\$ 10,527.13
Ed. Endowment - D & L	\$ 43.89
Fran Barnes Savings	\$ 13,663.39
Fran Barnes/Endowment Fund	\$ 137,976.32
Hubka Estate	\$ 4,604.00
Mary Kleve Estate - D&L	\$ 3,511.06
School Savings	\$ 17,094.30

**ST. BRIDGET ORATORY**  
**July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

**INCOME**

Donations	\$ 11,635.00
Fundraising	\$ 20,464.00
Offertory	\$ 10,850.00
Hall Rent	\$ 1,750.00
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 635.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 45,334.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Fundraising	\$ 10,524.32
Mowing	\$ 4,633.10
Maintenance	\$ 48,912.37
Utilities	\$ 1,740.57
Insurance	\$ 1,785.00
Fuel	\$ 5,400.18
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 72,995.54</b>

Total Receipts	\$ 45,334.00
Checking Balance 7/1/24	\$ 68,086.86
Total to account for	\$ 113,420.86
Expenditures	\$ 72,995.54
<b>Checking Balance 6/30/25</b>	<b>\$ 40,425.32</b>

Savings Balance 7/1/24	\$ 82,276.93
Interest	\$ 2,483.35
<b>Savings Balance 6/30/25</b>	<b>\$ 84,760.28</b>

**St. Bridget Oratory Directors**

Scott Courtney David Sexton

**ST. BRIDGET CEMETERY 6/30/25**

Checking Acct.	\$ 17,712.13
Perpetual Care Acct.	\$ 270,000.00
St. Bridget Cemetery Savings Acct.	\$ 12,016.90

**St. Bridget Cemetery Directors**

D. Edward Christopher David Sexton

**CALVARY CEMETERY 6/30/25**

Perpetual Care	\$ 124,097.64
General Fund	\$ 71,200.61
Checking Acct.	\$ 84,679.44

**Calvary Cemetery Lay Directors**

Bootie Kapler Cindy Kostohryz

**ST. AGNES ORATORY**  
**July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**  
**INCOME**

Contributions	\$ 1,200.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Insurance	\$ 1,190.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,190.00</b>

Total Receipts	\$ 1,200.00
Checking Balance 7/1/24	\$ 2,219.67
Total to Account For	\$ 3,419.67
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,190.00
<b>Checking Balance 6/30/25</b>	<b>\$ 2,229.67</b>

**ST. AGNES GUILD**

Checking Acct.	\$ 15,858.46
CD's	\$ 12,486.37

**St. Agnes Oratory Lay Directors**

Jeff McCabe Diane McCabe

**ST. AGNES CEMETERY 6/30/25**

Checking Acct.	\$ 2,984.20
CD's	\$ 58,906.73
Arch. Of Dub.	\$ 14,099.00
Savings	\$ 27,483.47

**St Agnes Cemetary Lay Directors**

Margaret Miller Michael Gossman

**ST. KIERNAN CEMETERY 6/30/25**

Checking Acct	\$ 4,316.27
Arch. Of Dub.	\$ 5,374.84
CD's	\$ 1,000.00

**St. Kieran Cemetery Lay Directors**

Gary Hovey Justin Hovey

## Time & Talent Due Soon!

We invite you to share your time and talents by signing up for our parish ministries! Whether you've served before or are looking for a new way to get involved, we encourage everyone to fill out the online form. This helps us keep our records up to date and make sure each ministry is supported. Together, we can continue to grow as a vibrant, welcoming parish community.



## This Week at Notre Dame

**St. Agnes Annual Mass** will be held on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with a meal following. All are welcome to attend.

**Sewing Circle** will meet on TUESDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Ministers of Care** will meet on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the parish office.

**Buildings and Grounds** will meet on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office.

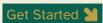
**SCRIP** gift cards will be sold in the back of church next weekend.

**Parish Office Hours Changing to 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. On Thursday's the staff will attend the school Mass together from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**



## KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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



Call 563-547-3565, ext 3 or email [m.jones@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.jones@dbqarch.org)



## 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!



## 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 monetary donations to this project, please contact Elaine Kleve or Julie Haskovec.  
[kleve2011@yahoo.com](mailto:kleve2011@yahoo.com) [jhaskovec@yahoo.com](mailto:jhaskovec@yahoo.com)



## 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

**Veterans Banquet** will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at McAllister's Heritage Event Center. Social will begin at 5:00 p.m. Meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. This year's keynote speaker is Dee Hosek. There will be a quilt raffle for a beautiful quilt crafted by Coleen Cauwels for \$5 a ticket. You must be present to win. The banquet is open to the public. There will also be a free meal to veterans on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Heritage Event Center.

**Women of the Decorah Deanery**, There are many good things happening within the Archdiocese of Dubuque for women. Please use the QR code to access the Fall edition of *THE LINK* for important information on:

- Journey In Faith from the Archdiocese,
- ACCW Annual Meeting (September 27th),
- Beauty in Christ Women's Conference (January 31st) and
- Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Happy  
**50<sup>th</sup>**  
Anniversary

Jim & Anne Ott

## Our Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

**Marjette Fitzgerald**



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