



October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

*“The word of God is living and effective,
discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.”*

In the first reading from Exodus 17:8-13, we witness the Israelites in battle, with victory dependent not only on their strength but on Moses' perseverance in prayer. As long as Moses kept his hands raised, Israel prevailed—but when he grew weary, Aaron and Hur came alongside him, supporting his arms until the battle was won. This powerful image reminds us that faith is not lived in isolation. We all grow tired at times, but God gives us companions in faith to help us remain steadfast in prayer and mission. Community and perseverance together bring God's strength to bear in our struggles.

In 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2, Paul encourages Timothy to remain firm in what he has learned through Scripture and faith, proclaiming the Word “in season and out of season.” It's a call for all disciples to stay grounded in God's truth, even when it is difficult or unpopular. In an age of distractions and shifting values, Paul's message is timeless: God's Word equips us for every good work and gives us the courage to keep living and sharing our faith. Faithfulness means not only believing but actively carrying the message of Christ into the world with conviction and love.

Finally, in Luke 18:1–8, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who refuses to give up until justice is granted. Her persistence becomes a model for prayer and faith. God is not like the unjust judge—He is attentive and loving—but Jesus asks, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” This question challenges us to examine our own perseverance in prayer. Do we trust that God hears us, even when answers seem delayed? Today's readings together remind us that faith is endurance—supported by others, nourished by the Word, and sustained by constant prayer.

Next Week's Readings:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 20 | No Mass
+Pray for Vocations to Religious Life

Tuesday, October 21 | Mass
5:15 p.m. +Colleen and Larry Voves; Marty Minnick
Sacristan: Karen Hyke

Wednesday, October 22 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Larry and Kay Barnes, Kelly Barnes
Sacristan: Jed & Joyce Becker
Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, October 23 | Mass
9:00 a.m. +Dan Courtney
Sacristan: Inez Kruse
2:00 p.m. Assisted Living Mass
+Scott Steffen

Friday, October 24 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +N.K. Antony
Sacristan: Jerry & Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, October 25 | Mass
4:00 p.m. +Colby Fye
EMHCs: Steve & Terry Duerre; Marlene Quinn
Lectors: Karen Hyke; Terry Duerre
Servers: Lily Godman
Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson
Greeters: Joe & Lynn Rose; Lois Ollendieck
Hosts: Steve & Terry Duerre
Ushers: Joe & Lynn Rose; Jim Murphy; Joey Reinhart
Sacristan: Karen Hyke; Joey Reinhart

Sunday, October 26 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Lowell Scholbrock, Sharon Eckerman
EMHCs: Emily Dohlman-Govern; Phil & Kim Walker
Lectors: Brooks Manske; Holly Manske
Servers: Lincoln Manske; Max Manske; Luther Govern
Music: LuAnn McCormick; Andrea Klimesh
Greeters: David & Elaine Bergan
Hosts: Dave, Robin, & Cody Sobolik
Ushers: Dave, Robin, & Cody Sobolik; Richard Neubauer
Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

Sunday, October 26 | Mass
10:00 a.m. +Tom Gebel; Denise Gebel
EMHCs: Jed & Joyce Becker; Sue Runyan
Lectors: Sue Runyan; Jed Becker
Servers: Bella Vobr; Bailey Vobr
Music: Melanie Vobr; Andrea Klimesh
Greeters: Jolene Trachta; Audrey Hyke
Hosts: Curtis & Kayla Head
Ushers: Sue Sovereign; Jerry & Wanda Reicks; Richard McConnell
Sacristan: Jerry & Wanda Reicks



Bread: Ruben Gamez
Wine: Ruben Gamez
Misalletes: Mary Jane Hudson
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
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CLARE STEJSKAL	MARY STEVENSON	MALISSA KAPPES	ED KOVARIK
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BEV BINA	MARY GANSEN	BILL SINDELAR	BETTY WENTHOLD
SHARON BOYD	AUDREY HYKE	BETTY BALIK	

sacred conversations:

faith & mental health



Join us for *Sacred Conversations*, a welcoming space to explore the connection between mental health and our Catholic faith. Through the eight sessions of *The Sanctuary Course for Catholics*, we'll reflect, share, and learn how to support one another with understanding, compassion, and hope.

WHAT TO EXPECT



Support System

This course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.



Hear from Others

The sessions are accompanied by videos that feature stories of Catholics in today's world who are living with mental health challenges.



Connection to your Catholic Faith

The sessions topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Last Tuesday of each month from October-May in the Parish Office from 9-10 a.m.

Last Tuesday of each month from October-May online via Zoom from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Individually, at your own pace, with Melanie Vobr as a confidential guide and support.

No Cost to Register!



Stewardship of Offering

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,837.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,814.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,090.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 583.79

Today's theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.



FUNDING NEEDED



We are in the process of creating a safe and secure parish hall.

PROJECT INCLUDES:

- Locking doors
- Security cameras
- 24/7 Monitoring
- Remote Access
- System Maintenance

Applications for grant money for this project have been submitted.

We are also accepting monetary donations toward this project.

YOUTH MINISTRY COSTUME PARTY

Saturday,
October 25th
6:30-9:00 PM
Parish Hall

Ghosts, Exorcisms, and other Spiritually Spooky Topics Youth Ministry Discussion.
Notre Dame Parish Hall
6:15-7:30 PM

OCTOBER 30, 2025

Notre Dame School invites you to

"Reading is Sweet!"



Book Fair Dates & Times:

- Sat, Oct 25 after 4pm Mass
- Mon, Oct 27 - 11:00am to 7:30pm
- Tue, Oct 28 - 11:00am to 7:30pm
- Wed, Oct 29 - 11:00am to 6:00pm
- Thur, Oct 30 - 11:00am to 12:30pm

November Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 9th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Parish Hall | \$15/meal | Dine in/Carryout



This Week at Notre Dame

Stewardship Committee will meet on Monday, October 20th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Circles of Faith will meet on Monday, October 20th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus Council 1571 will meet on Tuesday, Oct 21st at 7:00 PM in the KC Room in the Church.

1st Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting will be held from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, Oct 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions can no longer be scheduled at this time. We will begin moving Mass intentions previously scheduled after July 1st to the current open daily Mass times.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped landscape around the parish grounds this past week! We greatly appreciate the time you took out of your busy schedules to help winterize our landscaping. Thank you!

October is Prenatal and Infant Loss Awareness Month.



Miscarriage, Infant, and Child Loss Memorial Prayer Service

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
6:30 PM
Notre Dame Church

Did you know that 1 in 4 families lose a baby during pregnancy, delivery, or infancy?

You are not alone in your loss. Notre Dame Parish offers the Archdiocese of Dubuque's "Behold Your Child" ministry for those families who have experienced life-limiting prenatal diagnosis, miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of an infant child whether recently or years ago. Trained parish ministers are available to offer a listening ear, helpful resources, and guidance through the Behold Your Child ministry.

Contact the Parish Office for more information about this free and confidential service.

In the Community

Meatball Dinner Drive-Thru will be held at First Lutheran at 920 3rd St E, Cresco, on October 19th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meal includes: meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and apple pie. \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance, 5 and under are free. Tickets are available at the Chamber, First Lutheran's Church Office, or before the 9:00 a.m. worship service at First Lutheran.

Immanuel Lutheran Church 32nd Annual Fall Festival Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. (curbside only). Menu includes: Roast Pork, real mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, cranberries, roll, & slice of your choice of apple, pumpkin, or cherry pie. We encourage all to buy tickets ahead of time since there will only be 700 tickets available. Tickets can be purchased at Ox & Wren, Angie's Beauty Shop, and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Office.

Veterans Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8th at the Expo and catered by McAllister's. 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 5th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Heritage Event Center.

St. Lucas Legion and Auxiliary will have a meal on Sunday, Nov. 9 in the Church basement in honor of Veterans Day. Serving pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverages. Free will offering. Dine in / Carryout Begins at 11:30 to 1:00 pm. There will also be a bake sale with proceeds going to Veterans needs. Quilts of Valor will be presented at 1:00 pm.

VFW Breakfast will be held at the VFW Hall every 3rd Sunday from September - May. Menu includes: regular, blueberry, & chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, & beverage. Serving from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free-will donation. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561. Upcoming dates include: November 16th, and December 21st.

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