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**November 9, 2025**

***Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome***

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

*“I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,  
that my name may be there forever.”*

Today's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome reminds us of the importance of our churches. In these sacred spaces, we are born again into God's family, sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Blessed Sacrament, forgiven of our sins, fortified in times of sickness, united in a covenant of love, and ordained for service.

We find it heartbreaking that many of our churches in northeast Iowa will no longer be used for Sunday worship. We are grateful for the sacrifices of our ancestors in establishing these parishes and building these churches, and are proud to continue to maintain them. Even so, our faith reminds us that the people who worship within them hold far greater value. St. Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth, “You are God's building.” We are the church, living stones in the household of God. The most important foundations laid by our ancestors were those of faith in Jesus Christ. In the gospel, while Jesus affirms the sanctity of His Father's house, an important structure, the temple of His Body will be worshipped always and everywhere in the new covenant.

Many of us wonder if people will stop worshipping at Mass if their local church no longer offers a celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays. While a few may give in to the temptation to allow disappointment and even anger to impede their relationship with Jesus and His people, hopefully most believers will acclimate and adjust. The faithful who currently worship in the midst of a culture of materialism, individualism, and relativism realize the necessity of weekly worship to gain grace, knowledge, and support to live out their calling from God. After Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life in John 6, many people left him. Jesus asked the apostles if they would leave as well. Peter responded, “Lord to whom would we go? You have the words of everlasting life.” Would faithful Catholics go and worship at another Christian church? Hardly. They would miss the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which comes to us through His words that promise everlasting life.

Next Week's Readings:

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

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# MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, November 10 | No Mass**  
+Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

**Tuesday, November 11 | Mass**  
5:15 p.m. +Jamie Henry  
Sacristan: Duane Heit

**Wednesday, November 12 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Jack & Norma Smith  
Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve  
Music: Jed Becker

**Thursday, November 13 | Mass**  
9:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Hudson  
Sacristan: Sherry Sherfy

**Friday, November 14 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Betty Cleveland  
Sacristan: Donna Ryant

**Saturday, November 15 | Mass**  
4:00 p.m. +Clarence Riha; Clarence and Verona Novotny; Mary Fritz; Gilbert and Eleanor Fritz  
EMHCs: Jim & Anne Ott; Marlene Quinn  
Lectors: Terry Duerre  
Servers: Lily Godman  
Music: Pam Daley; Polly Jones  
Greeters: Joe & Lynn Rose; Rita Shea  
Hosts: Don & Lois Recker  
Ushers: Steve Duerre; Joe & Lynn Rose; Bryan Sheehy  
Sacristan: Carol Stoker; Mindy Jones

**Sunday, November 16 | Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Jim and Jerry Sexton  
EMHCs: Phil & Kim Walker; Jim Truka  
Lectors: Boyd Turnbull; Roger Kleve  
Servers: Oakley Vobr; Raelynn Fortney  
Music: Katie Ferrie; Deb Moellers  
Greeters: Roger & Elaine Kleve  
Hosts: Jim & Lori Truka  
Ushers: Art Schwarzhoff; Dale Lickteig; David & Shannon Andera  
Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

**Sunday, November 16 | Mass**  
10:00 a.m. +Colby Fye  
EMHCs: Sheila Slifka; Patty Elsbernd; Tracy Hart  
Lectors: Sue Runyan; Kayla Head  
Servers: Roman Head; Connor Wurzer  
Music: Good News Singers  
Greeters: Chris & Amanda Keller; Audrey Hyke  
Hosts: Curtis & Kayla Head  
Ushers: Chris & Jack Keller; Don & Kris Dietzenbach  
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka



Missalettes: Leonard & Cecilia Kapler  
Candle: Deanne Webb  
Bread: Deanne Webb  
Wine: Deanne Webb

## 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      | DIANE KOVARIK  | BRENT NEWMAN    | WAYNE SCRABECK  |
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| BEV BINA        | MARY GANSEN    | BILL SINDELAR   | BETTY WENTHOLD  |
| SHARON BOYD     | AUDREY HYKE    | DEB WILKINS     | HEATHER KANIK   |

Our family members who are on

## Active-Duty

(or a current National Guard member)

we would like to highlight them during the month of November. Please send their information and picture to [notredamecresco@dbqarch.org](mailto:notredamecresco@dbqarch.org). Thank you!



Nicholas Dietzenbach, son of Don and Kris Dietzenbach, is a senior this year at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. At the end of the month, all the seniors will find out their Service Selection, which is what they will be doing for the next 5 years of their active duty assignment (ie: Navy pilot, Submariner, Surface Ships, Cyber Security, Marine Air, etc). In May, 75% of the Class of 2026 will commission as an officer in the Navy fleet, and 25% will commission as an officer with the Marines. Nick is hoping for Marines, so prayers are appreciated for this next step! His current title is

**Midshipman 1/C Nicholas Dietzenbach.**

*Heavenly Father, we lift up our U.S. veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. We ask for Your protection, strength, and guidance for those currently serving, and for peace, healing, and comfort for veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We also pray for their families, asking for Your blessings upon them as they support their loved ones and for comfort in their sacrifices and worries. Amen.*

## Stewardship of Offering

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income |              |
| Needed each week:                                | \$ 10,837.00 |
| Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:        | \$ 16,203.66 |
| Last week's ACH Contribution Income:             | \$ 800.00    |
| Last week's offertory income:                    | \$ 832.00    |

*As we pray today for an increase in spiritual giving, we are reminded by the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship that good stewardship of the Church "means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith."*

Congratulations to those baptized in the month of October!

Emery Kay McAllister  
CHILD OF  
AUSTIN & HALEY McALLISTER

Congratulations to those married in the month of October!

Eric & Karissa (Stika) Taraba

UNITED IN MARRIAGE ON OCTOBER 25TH

NOTRE DAME PARISH  
**Baptism Class**

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

November 10  
February 9  
May 11  
August 10

# This Week at Notre Dame

**Card Party** will meet on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Catholic School Board** will meet on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> to the current open daily Mass times.

**Reverse Collection** will be held at all Masses this weekend. Tags will be passed out with items the local food pantry is in need of.

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**November 16th in the Church**  
**4:30-5:00PM**

MINI LESSON 4:30-4:45PM  
MILK & COOKIES 4:45-5:00PM

**Mini Lesson: God's Storybook!**

CORNERSTONE

## INTO THE DEEP

A special series for those that want to ask the tough questions and discover the deep waters of the month's theme.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:  
**WHAT IS THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH?**

NOVEMBER 16TH • 7 - 8 PM  
NOTRE DAME CHURCH  
MEET BY THE TABERNACLE



# November Turkey Dinner

**MEAL INCLUDES:**  
TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, VEGETABLES, SAUERKRAUT, APPLESAUCE, CRANBERRIES, ROLLS, DESSERT & PIES

Meals are  
**\$15**

**NOV 9**

Notre Dame Parish Hall  
223 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, Cresco

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Dine-in & Carry-out**

Sponsored by St. Cecilia Circle

## In the Community

**Veterans Banquet** will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Assumption Parish Fall Card Party** will be held on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at the Assumption (Little Turkey) church basement. You can play your choice of 500 or Euchre. \$5 admission includes a lunch at the end. There will also be a raffle.



Next week, the school's first quarterly newsletter will be inserted into the bulletin!

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