



November 23, 2025

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!”*

Although neither the United States nor the Catholic Church has royalty, both do have leaders who help to promote their respective missions. While all who are baptized have a call to holiness as they sacrifice (priest), preach/teach (prophet) and lead (king/shepherd), the church also explores the grace of Holy Orders upon those God has called as deacons, priests, and bishops. They are to facilitate “holy order” among God’s people, in the manner of Jesus Christ the King, who led by humble example as a servant who emptied himself out entirely for His people.

Sadly, such a life is not attractive in today’s world and we find fewer candidates for ordination coming forward. A perceived shortage of priests has led many of the faithful to suggest that if priests were allowed to marry or if women were ordained as priests, then we could keep our churches open and enjoy the celebration of Masses in them. Yet these truths and disciplines are not ours to alter.

Similarly, some people propose that we should have deacons assume more responsibility in the church, and have them lead Communion services or Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP) with the distribution of Holy Communion. And if we don’t have sufficient numbers of deacons, then ordain women as deacons. But diaconal ministry is not primarily sacramental or liturgical. Deacons can baptize and witness marriage vows, but so can those who are not ordained if there are special circumstances. Deacons especially are charged to foster charity, building a bridge between the secular world and church life.

Kings and queens can order their subjects according to their desires. Sons and daughters of God humbly bow before Christ the King and beg for wisdom, understanding, and fortitude. We pray that God will pour out those gifts upon Archbishop Zinkula now as he ponders our input and continues to consult others about the next steps of the Journey in Faith.

Next Week’s Readings:
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 24 | No Mass
+Pray for Holy Marriages

Tuesday, November 25 | Mass
5:15 p.m. +Jamie Henry
Sacristan: Duane Heit

Wednesday, November 26 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Wilmer Hubka
Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve
Music: Jed Becker
2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans
+Larry and Colleen Voves

Thursday, November 27 | Thanksgiving Mass
9:00 a.m. +Michael and Chuck Pierce, Genny and Kellie Riehle, Darrell and Michaelen Riehle, Fred Jr. and Mildred Riehle

EMHCs: Jed & Joyce Becker; Jerry O'Donnell
Lectors: Jed Becker; Jerry O'Donnell
Servers: Marian and Claire Elsbernd
Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson
Greeters: Pat & Mar Ollendieck
Hosts: Jerry & Wanda Reicks
Ushers: Jerry & Wanda Reicks; Dale Lickteig; Tom Mullen
Sacristan: Jerry & Wanda Reicks

Friday, November 28 | No Mass

Saturday, November 29 | Mass
4:00 p.m. +Colby Fye
EMHCs: Lisa Kimball; Steve & Terry Duerre
Lectors: Karen Hyke; Terry Duerre
Servers: Luke Fisk
Music: Teen Choir; Jamie Fisk
Greeters: Galen & Lavon Fye; Brian McGee
Hosts: Anne Ott; Barb Prochaska
Ushers: Steve Duerre; Brian McGee; Joe & Lynn Rose
Sacristan: Steve & Terry Duerre

Sunday, November 30 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Dell and Moncia Reicks; Pat Reicks
EMHCs: Frank & Donna Ryant; Boyd Turnbull
Lectors: Brooks Manske; Holly Manske
Servers: Lincoln Manske; Max Manske
Music: Pam Daley; Andrea Klimesh
Greeters: Janet Andera; Sheila Grabau
Hosts: Dale & Lynette Andera
Ushers: Dale & Lynette Andera; Alisha Carolan; Warren Steffen
Sacristan: Frank & Donna Ryant

Sunday, November 30 | Mass
10:00 a.m. +Linda Johnsrud-Gebhardt
EMHCs: Michelle Midthus; Gary & Janel Langreck
Lectors: Brian & Michelle Midthus
Servers: Charlie & Marie Klimesh
Music: Joe Wacha; Andrea Klimesh
Greeters: Chris & Amanda Keller; Jolene Trachta

Hosts: Aby George & Mary Juliet Nirakassery
Antony Family
Ushers: Jerry & Wanda Reicks; Chris Keller; Jack Keller
Sacristan: Jerry & Wanda Reicks



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
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CLARE STEJSKAL	MARY STEVENSON	MALISSA KAPPES	ED KOVARIK
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JIM MURPHY	MARIA LARSON	SARAH FRANKLIN	KYLE SLIFKA
BEV BINA	MARY GANSEN	BILL SINDELAR	BETTY WENTHOLD
SHARON BOYD	AUDREY HYKE	DEB WILKINS	HEATHER KANIK
MICHELLE FUNKE			

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.

Thank you!



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 16, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,837.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,857.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,115.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 555.15

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

JOURNEY IN FAITH @ NOTRE DAME

PARISH SESSION 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Opening

The Parish Team began with the Journey in Faith Prayer, followed by a review of what inspired the Archdiocese to begin the Journey in Faith process, along with its Mission, Values, and Vision.

Small Group Work

Those in attendance then worked in small groups to review the three proposed models for our region (RPA 3) as well as alternative models that were submitted. All small-group feedback forms were submitted in full to the Archdiocese, and this handout includes only a summary of that feedback.

Closing

Fifty-six people attended the meeting. **All in attendance were reminded that their feedback forms from their small group work would be submitted in FULL to the Archdiocese within 72 hours of the session.**



SUMMARY OF PARISH FEEDBACK FROM BOTH SESSIONS

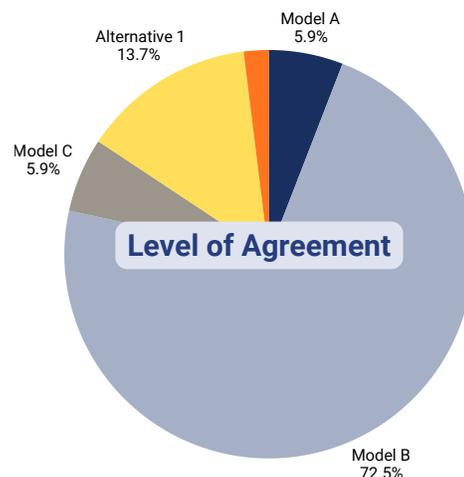
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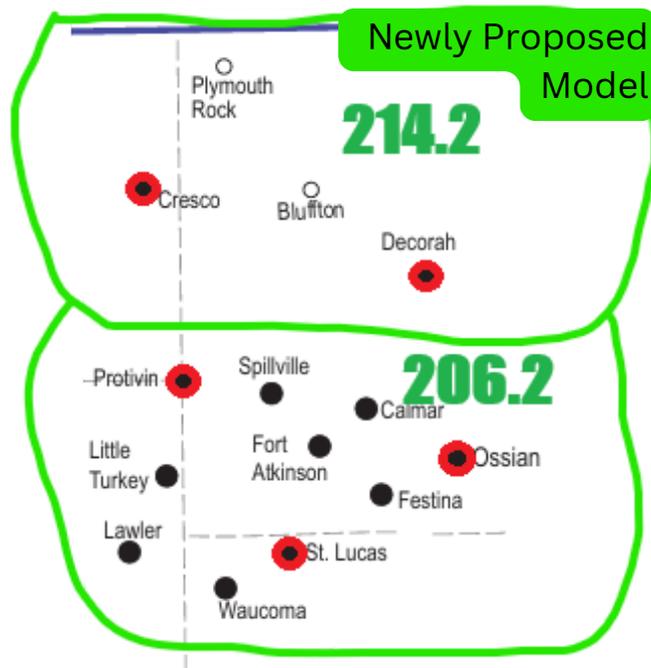
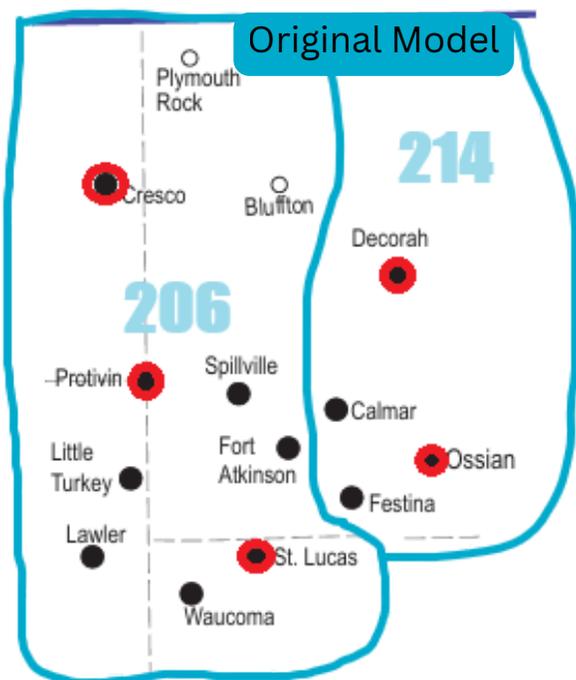
The original Model B map was the most popular throughout both of the sessions. Within discussion, this was due to it being more culturally similar across the parishes in the proposed pastorate. It was also brought up that many of the parishes within the proposed pastorate already work together well

Alternative Models Brought Up

Alternative 1: On the back of this sheet you will see a proposed model that has been shared widely within our RPA that was created by the parishes south of us.

Alternative 2: Another model we reviewed was all 12 parishes in RPA 3 being placed together as one pastorate.





Benefits of Model B-2

- Geography/transportation
 - Hwy 9 corridor vs. Hwy 24/52 corridor
- School districts
 - **Keeps districts intact.** Each model is composed of two complete districts instead of fracturing the South-Winn district.
 - Southern **communities are already more connected** due to family ties
 - Suggested change **eliminates a pastorate with three schools**
- Priest workload statistics
 - **Parishioners more evenly distributed**
 - **417-person difference instead of 1,143**
 - Mass locations: unchanged
 - Number of Masses: unchanged
 - Number of priests: unchanged
 - Capacity utilized: within 1% of original in each pastorate
 - **Weddings, baptisms, and funerals all more evenly distributed**
 - 51/33.5 funerals per priest vs 57/27.5 in original model

November 25 - 2:00pm

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Kindergarten Classes will lead this prayer service in the church. Assisting Kindergarten will be students in 1st-5th Grade. Non-perishable food items will be collected.

Learn to Make Rosaries

December 10th | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

At this come and go event, you will have a chance to learn one-on-one how to make rosaries for your friends, family members, and the missions.

Contact the parish office for more information.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who supported the St. Cecilia Turkey Dinner on November 9th!

SUPPER

With Santa

St. Andrew's Circle presents an evening of fun for the whole family!

Join us for a meal of maid-rites, hot dogs, chips, baked beans and dessert, children's activities, and a chance to meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elf! \$5 per sandwich or \$10 for a plate.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH
5:30-7:30 PM PARISH HALL**

Our Sympathy

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Anna Mae Bergan Davis

This Week at Notre Dame

Card Party will meet on Monday, November 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Sacred Conversations will meet on Mon., Nov. 24th, from 8:30-9:30 p.m. and Tues., Nov. 25th from 9-10 a.m.

Bible Study on the upcoming weekend Mass readings will be held this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room of the Parish Office. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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In the Community

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assoc will have their annual Christmas potluck and meeting on Sunday, December 7th, at the Spillville Library (201 Oak St) beginning at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments, meat, and place settings provided. All members and their families are welcome.

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Upcoming weekends are: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth. For more information call Denise and Greg at (563)920-9419 or register at wme.org.

Black Friday Breakfast sponsored by the American Legion will be held on Nov. 28 from 8-11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall (113 S Park Place, Cresco). Serving: Belgian Waffles with Sausage Links OR Biscuits & Gravy; Choice of Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk, or Water. Donations Only. Carry out available or call 563-379-7552 or 563-203-0702 for in town deliveries.

Fish Fry & Chicken Feast sponsored by Protivin Legion Post 605 will be held at McAllister's on Dec. 5th from 4-7:30 p.m. in the lower level. Dine in or carryout for \$20/person. Legion Auxiliary Bake Sale will be held during that time as well. Proceeds used to support the many Legion functions and donations. Thank you for your support.

Holiday Cookie & Candy Fundraiser for Regional Health Services of Howard County Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Friday, Dec. 12th, from 9 a.m. - Noon (or until sold out) at the Cresco United Methodist Church (310 N Elm). Questions or to volunteer contact: Barb Franklin 563-203-8077 or Elaine Brookins 563-203-0815.

Toys for All Toy Giveaway will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sat. Dec 13th from 9 a.m. - Noon. Families must not already be adopted by another CARE or COMMUNITY ACTION adoption program. Donations collected by The Mint & The Place of Protivin, The Drift Runners Organization, and other local agencies - We thank them ALL for their support! For questions, call Cindy at 719-237-6102.

Grab a Delicious Pie from Evans Assisted Living on November 25th from 9-Noon. Whole pies will be sold to support a family in the CARE program.

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