



Juan de Pareja, *The Baptism of Christ*, 1660s, The Prado, Madrid.

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

“The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.”

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” These words from John the Baptist are the words a presider says while elevating the Sacred Host as part of the Communion Rite. The Liturgy of the Eucharist, where bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Christ, makes Mass a unique, sacrificial event. This is different from a Word and Communion service, which is a taking part in a sacrifice already offered rather than a re-presentation of the sacrifice itself. At Mass, we encounter the Risen Lord in a miraculous way. This is why the church calls Mass the “source and summit” of our lives.

“Behold, the Lamb of God.” In a world that at times seeks to make of us mere consumers, the fullness of the Eucharistic liturgy places us in true Communion with our Lord. By making our own sacrifices to take part in Mass each week, we grow in relationship with the Lord and one another.

When we come to Mass, we are not simply remembering something that happened long ago, nor are we merely receiving spiritual nourishment in isolation. We are drawn into Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice, made present to us here and now. In this sacred exchange, Christ offers himself completely to the Father, and we are invited to unite our own lives (joys, struggles, sufferings, and hopes) to that offering. In doing so, the Eucharist transforms us, shaping us into the Body of Christ sent forth for the life of the world.

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 19 | No Mass

+Pray for Holy Marriages

Tuesday, January 20 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Colby Fye

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, January 21 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Tom Herold and Zach Stapelkamp

Sacristan: Roger & Elaine Kleve

Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, January 22 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Joe and Ethel Sexton

Sacristan: Sherry Sherfy

2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans

+Nora Vobr

Friday, January 23 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Jack and Norma Smith

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Saturday, January 24 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +For the People

EMHCs: Steve & Terry Duerre; Becky McGee

Lectors: Cheryl Brannon; Karen Hyke

Servers: Lily Godman

Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson

Greeters: Gretchen Laub; Carver Munkel;

Barb Prochaska

Hosts: Bootie Kapler; Steve & Terry Duerre

Ushers: Steve Duerre; Gretchen Laub; Carver

Munkel; Joey Reinhart

Sacristan: Karen Hyke; Joey Reinhart

Sunday, January 25 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Monsignor Carl Lambert Schmitt

EMHCs: Julie Haskovec; Jim Truka; Emily

Dohlman-Govern

Lectors: Emily Dohlman-Govern; Brooks

Manske

Servers: Lincoln Manske; Max Manske; Luther

Govern

Music: Dee Hosek; Polly Jones

Greeters: Jim & Val Rink; Janet Andera

Hosts: Dave, Robin, & Cody Sobolik

Ushers: Dave, Robin, & Cody Sobolik; Joe

Haskovec

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

Sunday, January 25 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Dalton Hemesath

EMHCs: Sue Runyan; Don & Kris Dietzenbach

Lectors: Nita Hackman; Sue Runyan

Servers: Liam Moon; Brendon Hovden

Music: Jaelyn Jirak-Wright; Polly Jones

Greeters: Chris & Amanda Keller Family

Hosts: Ken & Nita Hackman

Ushers: Chris Keller; Jack Keller; Don & Kris

Dietzenbach

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka



Missalettes: Chuck, Tillie, and Dennis De Walle

Candle: Larry and Colleen Voves

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

MADONNA KUENNEN

DON ZAKOSTELECKY

MADelyn OPPREICHT

JOYCE KAPLER

PATTY ELSBERND

MARK TIESKOTTER

BETTE SULLIVAN

BILL SINDELAR

KYLE SLIFKA

BRENT NEWMAN

MATT DUERRE

JODENE VANDYKE

LINDA WOOD

CHARLENE RYAN

LISA PETER

STU GORDON

DI KOVARIK

MICHELLE FUNKE

EASTON HODGES

JERRY SMITH


YOUTH BOARD GAME DAY

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us Sunday, January 18th from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Parish Hall for an afternoon of board and card games!
 Snacks provided!
 No cost to attend!
 Participants are welcome to bring their own (church appropriate) games to share!
 This is a come and go event-participants do not need to be present for the entire event!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH
 2:00-4:00 PM
 Parish Hall (church basement)
 Contact Brian McGee for more information!!

Stewardship of Offering

JANUARY 11, 2026

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,837.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 8,976.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 826.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 668.00

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward. "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

TAKE NOTE:

Budget Boxes and Calendars

2026 Budget Boxes and Calendars are available in the Church. If you participate in ACH, Gifts of Grain or Gifts from your IRA, you do not have a budget box.



Notre Dame Parish Fax Number will no longer be in use beginning in February.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Sacred Conversations small groups will meet on January 27th to discuss the intersection of faith and mental health.

First Eucharist Parent/Participant Meeting, will be held on January 28th from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please make sure to bring a container with a lid.

Baptism Class will be held on February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All families who have not taken this class (or within the last 3 years) and would like to have their child(ren) baptized, please register by going to <https://notredamecresco.com/baptism-registration>.

Good News Singers, our church choir, sings on the first and third Sunday of the month at the 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join the choir. Practice is at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall on the Sunday's they are scheduled.

St. Peter's Soup Luncheon has been scheduled for Feb. 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Save the date. If you are in the St. Peter Circle, be on the lookout for a letter in the mail or an email with details on what help is needed and how to sign up.

In the Community

Annual Cancer Benefit Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 18th from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Cresco. Serving regular, blueberry, and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and beverage for freewill donation. Dine in or carryout. Proceeds go to HOCA & Milz Cancer Fund. Sponsored by VFW Post 4561 and Auxiliary.

Married Couples Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! For more information contact Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or visit wwme.org. Upcoming Dates: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth.

The 20th Annual Masopust will be held Saturday, February 14, 2026, at PIVO Brewery in Calmar, IA. This year's featured village is Albrechtice nad Vltavou, the Swehla family heritage is from this area. Pre-sale only tickets are \$40 and include an afternoon of dancing, music by Adam Sandhurst & The Jolly Jammers, plus live and silent auctions. Doors open at noon, music begins at 1 PM, and a traditional Czech meal of pork cutlets with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 PM. For tickets, contact Ken Zajicek at 563-379-4100 or Audrey Lensing at 563-380-3015.

This Week at Notre Dame

Knights of Columbus Council #1571 will meet on Tues., January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the KC Room of the Church.

Financial Peace University Course will meet on Wed., Jan. 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the school.

Cornerstone (Week 3) will be held in the school on Wed., Jan. 14th for participants.

Bible Study will not be held until March/April.

Parish Council will meet on Thurs., Jan. 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Do you want to learn more about the Eucharist to be able to explain our belief to your friends and family? Check out this video! It's less than 10 minutes long!



2026 Women's conference

Grace
for the
JOURNEY

Saturday
JANUARY 31

LIVESTREAM starts at 9:00 am
-1:30 pm

Speakers



Kitty Cleveland



Kelsey Kaiser

**Join us for the 2026
Women's Conference**

**Beauty in Christ:
Grace for the Journey!**

**Gather with other faith-filled women
at Notre Dame, or participate
virtually from your own home! Be
inspired to know that His grace is
enough!**

**Registration is \$20 which includes
access to recordings, breakfast,
lunch, and door prizes!**



For more information: www.notredamecresco.com/womens-conference

THANK YOU for your continued support of Notre Dame Catholic School.

2026

We invite you to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week 2026
with the Notre Dame Catholic School



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Supper & Auction Pick Up

1/23/2026

4:30-6:30pm



Online Auction Bidding

1/15-1/22

6pm Soft Closing!

Lasagna Carry Out Supper: \$12

(Lasagna, French Bread, Salad
and Dessert)

No individual lasagna for sale.

Preorder Tickets Only.

Public preorder availability 1/12/26 to 1/23/26
at the Notre Dame Parish Office.



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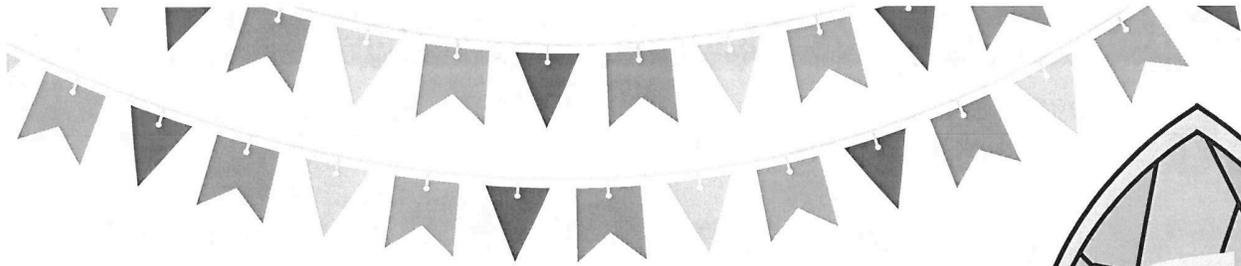
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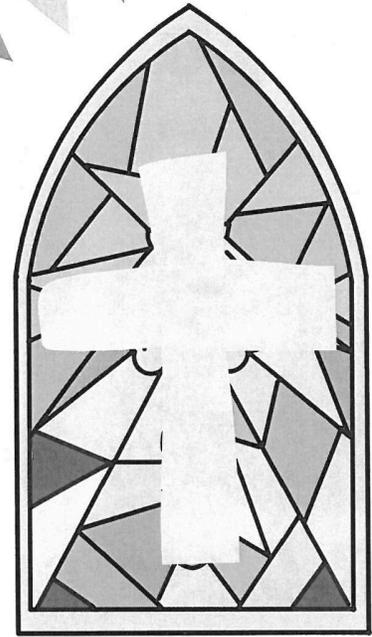
Auction Bidding: 1/15-1/22 soft closing at 6pm

Last year's proceeds used for increased wages and benefits and a new reading curriculum.



Catholic Schools Week at Notre Dame

January 23-30, 2026



Friday 01/23

Lasagna Supper Carry-out &
Online Auction Pick Up.

Head to:

www.tinyurl.com/ndcschool

to register for our auction.

Auction runs January 15-22!

Monday 01/26

Monday Blues (wear blue)
Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre

Tuesday 01/27

Tropical Tuesday (Hawaiian)
Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre

Wednesday 01/28

WaCKY Wednesday (clothes & hair)
Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre

Thursday 01/29

T-shirt Thursday (wear Notre
Dame T-shirts)

CSW School Mass 9:00am

Larry Reis Winneshiek County
Conservation 1:00pm

Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Friday 01/30

PJ Friday (Pajama Day)
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