



August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

*“One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”*

The world constantly tells us that if we just have a little more (more money, more success, more recognition, more possessions), we will finally be satisfied. Yet so often, after chasing those things, we discover we are still hungry. Deep within every human heart is a longing that nothing on earth can fully satisfy because we were created for something greater: communion with God.

This Sunday's readings invite us to stop striving for what leaves us empty and come instead to the One who alone can satisfy. Through the prophet Isaiah, God calls out, "Come to the water... Come, without paying and without cost." His grace is not earned or purchased. It is freely given to those willing to receive it. St. Paul reminds us that nothing, not hardship, suffering, failure, or even death itself, can separate us from the love of Christ. Before we ever seek Him, He has already sought us.

The Gospel reveals this love in action. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples see only scarcity: five loaves and two fish. Jesus sees an opportunity for abundance. He takes the little that is offered, blesses it, breaks it, and feeds thousands until everyone has enough with baskets left over. God's generosity is never measured by what we have; it is measured by who He is. When we place our small gifts, limited time, and imperfect lives into His hands, He multiplies them in ways we could never imagine.

Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we witness this same miracle. Jesus still takes, blesses, breaks, and gives Himself so that our deepest hunger may be filled. As we leave Mass this weekend, may we ask ourselves: What hunger am I trying to satisfy apart from God? Then place whatever little we have into Christ's hands with confidence, trusting that His love is always enough. And that in Him, there is more than enough for everyone.

Next Week's Readings:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 3 | No Mass

Pray for vocations to religious life.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 | Mass

5:15 p.m. +Jerome Heit

Sacristan: Duane Heit

Wednesday, Aug. 5 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Scott Steffen

Sacristan: Jed & Joyce Becker

Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, Aug. 6 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Friday, Aug. 7 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Tom McGee

Sacristan: Jerry & Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Aug. 8 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Ron Peterson

EMHCs: Steve & Terry Duerre; Alanda Meyer

Lectors: Terry Duerre

Servers: Sam & Jameson Meyer

Music: Pam Daley; Polly Jones

Greeters: Lois Ollendieck; Bryan & Denise Sheehy

Hosts: Bryan & Denise Sheehy

Ushers: **Steve Duerre***; Gretchen Laub; Bryan & Denise Sheehy

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Sunday, Aug. 9 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Don Kapler

EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd; Julie Haskovec; Julie Wilson

Lectors: Boyd Turnbull; Julie Wilson

Servers: Charlie and Marie Klimesh

Music: Pam Daley; Andrea Klimesh

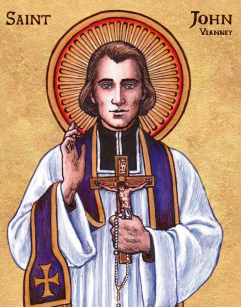
Greeters: Pat & Mar Ollendieck; Bart & Julie Wilson

Hosts: Bart & Julie Wilson

Ushers: **Ken Hubka***; Richard McConnell; Bart & Julie Wilson

Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

***Denotes person in charge of taking Mass count and recording it in Mass Count Binder.**



"If we understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

-St. John Vianney-
Feast Day: August 4

Stewardship of Prayer

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

BRENT NEWMAN
JODENE VANDYKE
LINDA WOOD
CHARLENE RYAN
WAYNE SCRABECK
AUDREY HYKE
MICKIE SIR
ANONYMOUS TEEN

LISA PETER
STU GORDON
DI KOVARIK
JERRY SMITH
MARIA LARSON
OLIVE NESVIK
JIM DEANGELO
LORI MOORE

MADONNA KUENNEN
KENNY MOELLERS
JOYCE KAPLER
PATTY ELSBERND
MARK TIESKOTTER
BETTE SULLIVAN
TAMMY COURTNEY



a message from Fr. Seda

The Mass is the same everywhere in the world, yet different in each parish. Some differences between parishes are fine, and some things are better done the same way for consistency.

In my last assignment, I was used to announcements after Communion, as is allowed in the rubrics of the Mass. This has been the practice at St. Benedict, while Notre Dame does them before Mass begins.

It makes sense for both parishes to do them at the beginning of the Mass, when people are welcomed and the Mass intention is mentioned. My thought on this was influenced by a father of several children, who said that by the time Communion is concluded, his kids are ready to leave and his mind is not really in the game.

We will try to limit announcements to one or two. If we have nine, we might as well have none. They will be succinct. Announcements are for motivation more than information. Any requests need to be submitted to either office before our joint staff meetings, which are Tuesdays at 1:30 pm.

Of course, the main announcement each weekend could be just to read the bulletin. That and social media are the main way we will communicate with everyone.

Father Jon Seda

Stewardship of Offering

JULY 26, 2026

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$ 10,837.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,932.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 6,528.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 525.25

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Homebound Communion
If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass each weekend and would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact the Parish Office at (563)547-3565 X5 and our Ministers of Care will arrange a visit.

NOTRE DAME PARISH
Baptism Class
All classes are held in the Church from 7-8PM.

August 10
November 9
February 8
May 10

Make your plans to attend the "Cresco and Notre Dame All School Reunion" as part of the 2026 Annual Norman Borlaug Days, August 21, 22 & 23.

- Friday, 8/21, 6 to 9 PM - "Notre Dame High School Meet & Greet" at the Heritage Center. \$20 Buffet dinner available 6 to 8 PM.
 - Saturday, 8/22, 10AM to 4:00 PM - NDHS "Open House" at the Heritage Center. Drop in or spend all day. 12 to 2PM Lunch available from the menu.
 - Saturday, 8/22, 12 to 2 PM - "Open House" at the Notre Dame School.
 - Saturday, 8/22, 4PM - Participate in the Borlaug and All School Parade - Main Street.
- Contact Bob Shea (bobshea1@aol.com) or Duane Ollendick (dgollendick@yahoo.com) for more information.

TABLE OF PLENTY
Bring extra garden produce to the church entrance Saturdays after 3 p.m. through Sunday at 9 a.m. Produce left after 9 a.m. Mass will be donated to the food pantry. Feel free to take produce and leave a donation, which also goes to the food pantry.

You're Invited!

Father Gehling's 90th Birthday
(Brother of Vince Gehling and Brother-in-law of Tom Frana)
August 9th | 1-4 p.m.
Epiphany Parish-Holy Family
(Mason City) Social Hall
Mailing Address: 1000 N. Eisenhower Ave
Mason City, IA 50401

Notre Dame Catholic Parish
Confession Times

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

This Week at Notre Dame

COR Men's Group will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Office on Tues., Aug. 4th.

Bible Study will be held on Wed., Aug. 5th, at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. No cost to attend. No registration needed.

Liturgy Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 6th, in the Parish Office.

Mass intentions can now be scheduled for the next 6 months. With limited availability, there will be a max of 3 intentions scheduled for each person. Mass intentions are a suggested donation of \$10. Full names will be used in the bulletin the week before. If there is more than one name listed, it will be said at Mass as, "In remembrance of ____ family". Only two people can be listed per Mass intention from now on.

Bulletin Deadline will be at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays for all bulletin submissions.

SCRIP Gift Cards (Raise Right) will be sold in the back of church this weekend (Aug 1-2).

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5th-7th GRADE GIRLS
All are welcome!

Details
Wednesdays | Aug 5 - Sep 30
6-7:30 p.m. | Notre Dame Parish Hall

As a mom of a 6th grader, I wanted to bring fun to the Bible so that each girl knows that they are beloved, they belong, and they have a purpose. God made them in His image and likeness and skincare allows us to take care of our bodies...and if they are anything like my daughter...they are currently obsessed with all the latest skincare trends.

For more information contact
Melanie Vobr | m.vobr@dbqarch.org

In the Community

Cresco Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the United Methodist Church on Thurs., Aug. 6, from Noon-5:00 p.m. in the basement. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins welcome! For an appointment, contact Pat at 563.380.8954. All presenting donors will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a Kwik Star gift card! Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.

Dad's Belgian Waffles (All You Care to Eat) will be served on Saturday, August 8th, from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Lime Springs Community Center for \$10 (children 5 and under are free). Carry-outs are available. Sponsored by the Oneota Study Club. Serving: waffles, sausages, toppings, and beverages.

Cresco Community Card Party will be held at the Kessel Lodge each Tues., playing 500, and Wed., playing Euchre, at 1:00 p.m. \$2 to play.

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to www.me.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

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