

Notre Dame Parish

Cresco, Iowa

St. Agnes Oratory, Plymouth Rock and St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord;*

*my spirit rejoices
in God my savior."*

Luke 1.46-47



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Celebration of Sacraments

Baptism Please contact the parish office to register for the required Baptism class, to schedule a Baptism or for more information. Next Baptism preparation class is scheduled for **November 9, 2020**, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Contact the parish office or email Fr. Jacob at: dbqrouse@dbqarch.org to schedule an appointment to celebrate this Sacrament of God's forgiveness.

Marriage Contact the parish office at least six months before intended wedding date.

September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Today's gospel story is a counterpoint to last Sunday's gospel. Last week we heard the Lord teach that the wrong doer should be corrected. Today we heard the Lord tell us to forgive wrongs "seventy times seven times."

This doesn't mean the Lord is confused about what he is teaching; or that he is trying to confuse us. The Lord is not teaching mere riddles.

Today's teaching is in direct response to a question by Peter about forgiveness; and then is augmented by a parable. The parable presents a worst case scenario of an unforgiving person (who had just been forgiven) and concludes that God will not forgive us if we don't forgive one another.

One could say the Lord is tipping the balance in favor of being a forgiving rather than a correcting people. Both certainly have their place in a community of people. But community would seem to flourish better where the style of life is characterized by mutual forgiveness rather than by mutual correction. There is another saying, not from the gospels, that is appropriate here: "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." And don't we all live in glass houses?

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Fr. Jacob will continue to live stream all weekday and weekend masses on his YouTube. You can access it by logging into our new parish website:
notredamecresco.com
and scroll down on the home page and click on the YouTube icon

To find the bulletins on the new website click on "Our Parish" tab, "About Us" "Bulletins"

If you need any help navigating the new website, please contact the parish office.

Please keep in mind that the Archbishop has continued the dispensation from attendance at mass until further notice so if you have any concern (including age, health, etc.) about attending mass in church, please stay home!

The church will be open one-half hour prior to mass times until one-half hour following mass.

The parish office hours are: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Monday, September 14—No Mass.
Pray for everyone affected by COVID-19

Tuesday, September 15 Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.
5:15 p.m. +Jim McConnell

Wednesday, September 16 Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Chester and Marian Rouchka

Thursday, September 17 Mass in church and livestreamed
School Mass: school personnel and students only in church
Public is invited to watch the livestream
9:00 a.m. +Raymond and Evelyn Kostohryz
2:00 p.m. Memorial Mass for Tillie DeWalle

Friday, September 18—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Bernard and Ruth Reicks
5:30 p.m. Wedding of Tim Knutson and Roxanne Hughes

Saturday, September 19 Mass in church and livestreamed
1:00 p.m. Wedding of Tim Milligan and Lisa Krivachek
4:00 p.m. +Sonny Christianson
EMs: Marcie Huhe, Lisa Kimball, Becky McGee
Marlene Quinn

Lector: Marlene Quinn

Ushers: Jim Murphy, Ray Schwarzhoff
Dave and Robin Sobolik

Music: Andrea Klimesh, Suzanne Ollendick

Sunday, September 20 Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Don Carolan

EMs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Jim Truka, Julie Haskovec

Lector: Jim Truka

Ushers: Art Schwarzhoff, Joe and Julie Haskovec
Marvin Lensing

Music: Pam Daley, Carol Foley

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed
+Todd Schmauss

EMs: Sue Runyan, Don and Kris Dietzenbach,
Connie Frana

Lector: Sue Runyan

Ushers: Don Dietzenbach Family

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

The golden rule of friendship is to listen to others as you would have them listen to you.

Please note mass readings are available at USCCB.org and at Wordamongus.org

In Memory

Betty Moen	Sanctuary Candle
Clair Svestka	Altar Bread
Ben Phillips	Altar Wine
Marian Rouchka	Missalettes (September)

Stewardship of Prayer

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

Parker Byrnes	Dianne Kovarik
Makiah Pierce	Dean Dietzenbach
Dorothy Barnes	Debra Winsell
Steve McCarville	Bill Smith
Art Svestka	Paige Nierling
Jerome Nibaur	Tom Thraenert
Brent Newman	Monica McGee Newman
Dick Ollendieck	Arlene Kuennen
Wilma Daley	Marcia Murray
Marie Kreitzer	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beckett Dietzenbach
Mark Grube	Leona Kriener
Russell O'Donnell	Elizabeth Yount
Sadie Thraenert	Dean Ollendieck
Jayne Lupkes	

We clear the prayer list quarterly. Please contact the office at that time to have a name put on again if desired.

We are pleased to pray for the sick, if you would like to add a name, please call the parish office after receiving permission from the person to have their name published; however, to preserve space if a person has sufficiently recovered and can be removed from the prayer list, also please contact the parish office.

Ministry of Prayer Network: *If you would like to serve on this Prayer Network, please email the office at: DBQ047S@dbqarch.org. When a request is received, you will receive an email asking for your prayers for the immediate need. If you have an urgent need for prayer, call the office at 563 547-3565 to activate the prayer network.*

Stewardship of Offering Sept. 6, 2020

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,880.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 653.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 231.10

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

Check out our new website: notredamecresco.com
You can now contribute to Notre Dame Parish through the website using your checking account or credit card. Also register as a new parishioner of Notre Dame Parish on the website. For more information, call the parish office.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KCZQ 102.3 FM.

Sewing Circle will meet in the church hall on Mon., Sept. 14, 1:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., Sept. 15, KC Room.

Reverse Collection will be held this weekend, Sept. 12-13. Please take a tag and return the listed item to be donated to the local food pantry.

Note: There is a liturgical schedule for the month of Sept. available on the parish website. *If you are willing to serve as an EM, Usher, Lector or Musician during the month of October, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.*

St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton, Fall Dinner Sun. Oct. 4, serving Hot Beef Sundae Meal: Roast Beef, real Potatoes, gravy and topped off with cheese and cherry tomato, plus corn, salads and dessert. Drive Thru only serving from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. \$10. Dinner tickets and Raffle Tickets for many great prizes available at the parish office.

Scrip Program includes Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Long John Silvers, Sue-Z-Q and Kwik Star. Gift cards are available for purchase at the parish office. Please call to place your order, 563 547-3565. **Note:** SCRIP will not be sold at masses in September. *Thank you for your support of this worthwhile fundraiser.*

Capturing Creation All 7th—12th grade students are invited to attend this nature walk to learn photography skills and admire God's creation. This will be led by our fellow parishioners, Nate and Sara Troy! We will meet at the parish office on Oct. 11, 2:00 p.m. This walk will take an hour and is completely free! Bring your favorite camera (real or on your phone). Masks are required to participate. Questions, please call Melanie at the parish office 563 547-3565.

Everyone Invited: Tom Hegna, Internationally Acclaimed Retirement Expert will be conducting a virtual seminar "Don't Worry. Retire Happy", one night only Thursday September 17th at 7PM. This seminar is free to the faithful with pre-registration required. Tom will hit on topics like Medicare, Medicaid, taxes and social security. He will also discuss valuable information on the use of life insurance, annuities and long term care insurance. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to see Tom Hegna for free. To register please email walter.witt@kofc.org. Or call (563) 419-0400. Tom Hegna "Don't Worry. Retire Happy" is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Insurance of Iowa.

Don Davis Good Samaritan Fund Donations are always accepted for this fund through Notre Dame Parish and will be deposited in the local Salvation Army account administered by CUSB. It will provide a centralized community resource for all Cresco area churches to refer requests for emergency financial assistance. For more information, contact the parish office.

Thank You

We are grateful for all the volunteers who offer their time and talent as good stewards for the betterment of the parish. This week we thank all the musicians.

Imposter posing as parish pastor in either text messages or emails to parishioners The Archdiocese has received reports that parishioners are receiving fraudulent text messages and emails from someone posing as [Pastor's Name]. The messages are similar to the following. "[Recipient's Name] I need a favor from you, text me as soon as you get this message. God Bless you. [Pastor's Name] If the recipient replies, the scammer will ask the recipient to purchase gift cards. Please know that Fr. Jacob is not going to make such requests. If you are in doubt about a message that claims to be from Fr. Jacob, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Third Annual Rake & Run Oct. 18, 3:00—5:00 p.m. Register your family or a team of 4 students and 2 adults for this fun service project! Each team will race to fill the lawn bags up the fastest. The team that gets back to the Parish Office the quickest will win the prizes! Bring your rake and your running feet for this fun service project. Registration forms can be turned into Melanie Vobr at the parish office or filled out online by visiting the parish calendar at notredamecresco.com
Want your yard raked? We are also in need of houses with lawns to rake! Fill out the form included in this weekend's bulletin if you would like to have your lawn raked. Teams will not be allowed to accept any money for their service. Your house qualifies if you are between 3rd St. W. and 8th St. E. and between 1st Ave. and 11th Ave. Deadline Oct. 14. Questions? Contact Melanie at the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Pillow Cleaning Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Cresco Methodist church. Drop off on Thurs., Sept. 17, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Fall Festival Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, Sun., Sept. 20, Drive Thru Meal, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. \$10/meal. \$5 Basket and \$10 Cash Raffle.

Tuition Assistance Are you looking for a way to help our Notre Dame students afford a Catholic education either at Notre Dame School or through our Religious Education program? Donations to our Adopt-A-Student Fund are always welcome and appreciated. For more information, contact the parish office.

Annual 2020 Sacred Heart Fall Festival, Walker, IA; Sun., Sept. 20 serving 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Grilled Pork Loin meal—drive thru only. Raffle for cash prizes.

Attention: Grandparents: Remember the days of dancing at the sock hop or going to the drive-in. Those days may seem long gone, but they don't have to be. Show your grandkids how to have some good old fashion fun, and you will be instilling long lasting positive values. Teach them the importance of having a good time without alcohol. Lead by example, and your grandkids will think you are one cool grandparent. Get ideas and conversation starters at www.helpingservices.org/project/talking-matters/

Gratitude for Grandparents Prayer (On Grandparents' Day)

Father, Every good and perfect gift comes from You.

I thank you, Lord, for the joy and happiness, the moments of learning, and the guidance and care you have brought to us through our wonderful grandparents.

I truly appreciate the kind of life, love, and nurturing they have given our parents, for through these, I was taught to depend on You by faith, and I was raised with the morals and values to respect others and be concerned for their welfare.

Thank you, Lord, for our Godly grandparents. Amen.

Third Annual RAKE & RUN

October 18, 2020

3PM-5PM

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Registration forms can be turned into Melanie Vobr at the Parish Office or filled out online by visiting the Parish Calendar at notredamecresco.com!

Want your yard raked?

We are also in need of houses with lawns to rake!! Fill out the form on the back if you would like to register your lawn! Teams will not be allowed to accept any money for their service. Your house qualifies if you are within this perimeter. You will be expected to provide the paper lawn bags for your lawn.

(Between 3rd St W and 8th St E, and between 1st Ave and 11th Ave.)



Deadline: October 14, 2020

**Rake & Run
House Registration**

Rake and Run is a service project and a race that will take place on October 18th from 3-5PM. Due to the nature of the event, we need everyone to understand that safety is of our utmost concern. Teams are expected to make the lawn look nice and how they would want their own lawn to look before they leave the premises. Houses must be registered and approved by the parish office in order for their lawn to be raked. All safety hazards to our team must be removed from the lawn during the time frame listed above. If you have any pets, please keep them inside or kenneled during this time. If there is a safety hazard or pet on your lawn, the team will go on to the next house. There is a chance your lawn may not be raked depending on the amount of houses we have registered and the time it takes for the teams to rake the other lawns. Each registered lawn *is expected to provide their own lawn bags* for the team to use and place on the curb. Please have these bags outside on the lawn along with any instructions you have for the team. Teams are not permitted to accept monetary donations for their work. Please return this form to the Parish Office by **October 14, 2020**. Call the Parish Office with any questions.
Thank you so much for helping us with this fun service project.

Homeowner's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

By signing below, I understand that I am to clear my lawn of any safety hazards and pets on October 18th from 3-5pm. I also understand that I will be expected to provide enough paper lawn bags for my yard.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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