

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



**Rev. Jacob Rouse
Pastor**

Notre Dame Church
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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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563 547-4513

School Website:

www.ndcschool.weebly.com

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.

October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Stewardship Effort

Over the next several weeks our parish will be renewing our ongoing effort to educate and excite everyone about God's call to all of us to be better stewards and convert to or continue with this richly rewarding and wonderful way of living life.

A good Christian steward—in fact, a good Christian—is one who readily recognizes that all we have and are, are gifts from God, and as such, responds appropriately by praising and saying thank you to God regularly, by using and improving on the gifts given to them to the best of their ability, by sharing these gifts generously and lovingly, and by taking the steps necessary to perpetuate them so that they will live on indefinitely.

In short, to be a Christian steward is to be a better follower or disciple of Christ where we put ourselves in God's loving hands and make Him the focal point and priority in our lives. I look forward to making this journey of conversion and recommitment with you in the weeks to come.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.

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

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!

Monday, October 5-No Mass.
Pray for everyone affected by Covid-19

Tuesday, October 6- Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m. *Tomorrow is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary—we will pray this rosary in remembrance*
NO Communal Anointing during Covid. If you would like to be anointed, please contact Fr. Jacob at the parish office.
5:15 p.m. +Mary Jane Hudson

Wednesday, October 7- Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Bernard and Ruth Reicks

Thursday, October 8- 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. +Clair Svestka

Friday, October 9—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Bill and Martha Hosek

Saturday, October 10- Mass in church and livestreamed
2:00 p.m. Wedding of Ryan Kreitzer and McKayla Abar
2:00 p.m. (St. Bridget Oratory)
Wedding Sawyer Wise and Randi Carolan
4:00 p.m. +Leonard Macal
EMs: Marcie Huhe, Becky McGee, Marlene Quinn,
Lisa Kimball

Lector: Marlene Quinn
Servers: Carver Munkel, Awnan Skoda
Music: Pam Daley, Deb Moellers
Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Jim Murphy,
Adam and Aidan Skoda

Sunday, October 11- Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Kay Eckerman
EMs: Connie Kepros, Wayne and Kelly Mashek,
Connie Sindelar

Lector: Bill Sindelar
Servers: Mason Regan
Music: Rita Roberts, Jamie Fisk
Ushers: Marvin Lensing, Tony Roberts, Tom Mullen
Art Schwarzhoff

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed
+Don Carolan
EMs: Tracy Hart, Don and Kris Dietzenbach,
Patty Elsbernd
Lector: Tracy Hart
Servers: Noah Dietzenbach, Ava Daley
Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz
Ushers: Don Dietzenbach Family

He said: "I think you should give 'til it hurts." His wife responded, "I don't think so. I think you should give until you feel good about what you have given."

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

In Memory

Grace Slifka Sanctuary Candle
Tieskotter and Vrzak Families Altar Bread and Wine
Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family
Missalettes (October)

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
Elizabeth Yount	Sadie Thraenert
Wayne Carolan	

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. 27, 2020

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,656.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 5,282.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 392.00

In the gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

Check out our 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.

Social Justice Committee will meet on Tues., Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m., Media Center.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Blessing of babies will be held at all the masses on the weekend of Oct. 3-4. All babies age 2 and under and all pregnant women are invited to receive a blessing either in person at one of the masses or while watching the mass on the livestream. *This is a great way to start October—Respect Life Month!*

Mark your calendar: Fr. Jacob will be offering a program with information on the Catholic perspective on voting on **Mon., Oct. 5 and Tues., Oct. 6, 6:15 p.m.** in the Notre Dame Church. The program will be the same each night so plan to attend one of the nights. Program will also be available on livestream.

Cornerstone Religious Education Program will begin on **Oct. 7** meeting in the Notre Dame Church. Registration is also now available online at notredamecresco.com and click on the Faith Formation tab and scroll to Registration 2020-2021. If you have questions, call Melanie at 563 547-3565.

St. Bridget Oratory, Bluffton, Drive Up/Carry Out Fall Dinner Sun. Oct. 4, serving Hot Beef Sundae Meal: Hot Roast Beef Sundaes topped with cheese and cherry tomato, plus corn, buns, cheese curds, pineapple/pretzel salad, coleslaw, oreo salad and scotcheroos. Due to Covid, carry out only serving from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. All tickets: \$10.

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 be sold at the masses the weekend of Oct. 3-4.** *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 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. Masks are required to participate. Questions, please call the parish office.

Notre Dame Catholic School's Fall Fundraiser, Football Mania, is in full swing! With the NFL football season getting underway, now is a great time to play and support Notre Dame while vying for a chance to win cash prizes! Tickets can be purchased through any Notre Dame Catholic School student for \$20 each, or at the front office of the school. Tickets provide contest information and how to play—see insert in this week's bulletin for more information! Help Notre Dame reach their goal of \$10,000 by purchasing tickets today! Good Luck!

Knights of Columbus will be taking a second collection next weekend, Oct. 10-11, at all the masses to help people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

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 those who help make the Baptismal bibs.



Congratulations to Adam and Kelsey (Stika) Nelson, who were married at Notre Dame on Sept. 26.

We welcome Easton William Hodges, son of Rodney and Rebecca Hodges, who was baptized on Sept. 27.



We welcome Zachary and Melinda Kovarik and Rodney and Becky Hodges who joined Notre Dame Parish in September. If you are new to the area or have graduated from high school and have not yet joined a parish, contact the parish office to join Notre Dame, 563 547-3565, or register online at our parish website: notredamecresco.com

We welcome McKayla Abarr who was baptized, made her First Communion and was Confirmed in the Catholic faith at Notre Dame on Sept. 27.

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

Rosary Program - Our Lady (Notre Dame) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed on any piece of paper and drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. Monthly totals will be published in the bulletin. **285 rosaries were prayed and reported for the month of September.**

This is the 103rd Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima's apparition to the 3 children. Our world is living in a very dangerous time, so the rosary is vital for these times. Please join us in the 20th annual rosary rally on **Sat. Oct 10 @ 12:00 noon** at the home of Norb and Mary Gansen 318 10th Ave S. E. Cresco or call us @ 563-547 5495 . Pray!

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! 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! 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 or to sign up your lawn - Contact Melanie at the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Riceville Drive Thru Meal Fall Festival on Oct. 4. Serving 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sweetcorn Rolls, Coleslaw, Pie and Milk. \$13. Quilt Raffle.

Need Help With Your Heating Bill? The 2020-2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has been established to help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. You can complete applications by mail, email, phone, fax or online. Applications for ages 60 and older and/or disabled may be completed starting Oct. 1 to April 30. All other households may complete an application beginning on Nov. 1. For more information call in Cresco 563 547-4413; in Decorah 563 382-8436 ext. 150.

Mobile Food Pantry Tues., Oct. 6, 5:00—6:30 p.m., Featherlite Bldg, Howard County Fairgrounds. Questions? Please contact NEIFB 319 235-0507 or Cindy at 719 237-6102 or 563 547-2108.

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Fall Dinner, Festina, Sun., Oct. 18, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. serving rack of pork meal. Presale tickets only through Oct. 11. \$12. Call Darcy Einck 563 534-7008

October—Respect Life Month

“Never judge someone by the way he looks or a book by the way it's covered; for inside those tattered pages, there's a lot to be discovered.”

— Stephen Cosgrove

NOTRE DAME PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – September 24, 2020

The September 24, 2020 meeting of the Notre Dame Pastoral Council was called to order by Frank Ryant. The group joined in reciting the Prayer and Parish Mission Statement. Present were: Fr. Jacob Rouse, Frank Ryant, Jim Truka, Brian McConnell, Mike Drees, Tom Kleve, Patti Guyer, Keith Wherry, Duane Heit, Maryln Shores and Joye Meyer.

The minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Jim Truka made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as presented, seconded by Brian McConnell. Motion approved by consensus. The agenda was reviewed. Brian McConnell made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Mike Drees. Motion approved by consensus.

Liturgy Committee – Brian McConnell reported the next meeting will be on Oct. 1.

Social Justice Committee – Tom Kleve reported the next meeting will be Oct. 6.

Community Life Committee – Joye Meyer reported the next meeting will be Oct. 19.

Duane Heit reported on the Sept. 10 Faith Formation Commission meeting. Melanie explained the new Religious Education program called “Cornerstone”. The first gathering will be held on Oct. 7. Due to Covid the lessons, handout and prayer guide will be available on the parish website. A Hospitality Team is needed to assist with the in person meetings on the first week of each month. If interested, please contact Melanie. Registration is available on the parish website. Fair Day Dunk Tank and Raffle went well. Two Youth programs will be Capturing Creation and Rake n Run. Moving with Mission is up to 5 groups and is going well. Fr. Jacob reported on the Structure of the Leadership to help/involve more adults in leading the various Adult Enrichment/Education programs. He also reported on upcoming RCIA, Catechetical Sunday, and a presentation on the Catholic perspective on voting.

Mike Drees reported on the Catholic School Board Minutes from the Sept. 9 meeting. The group received information on a free lunch program that may be available through the end of the year. SCRIP will again be available on the first weekend of the month in church following all the masses. It is always available at the parish office. Enrollment is steady at 166 students K-6. STO information was given. The Curriculum Cycle was reviewed. Confidentiality measures in reporting Covid information was discussed. Football Mania fundraising is underway. Fr. Jacob reported on the procedure for school masses.

Patti Guyer reported on the Stewardship Committee meeting on Sept. 21. Melanie reported that her position is now Coordinator of Faith Formation. She will be responsible for faith formation from Baptism through Adult. Reverse Collections have had a good response. Mass attendance is holding steady with new ministries being added each month. The October Stewardship Renewal was discussed and a timeline set up beginning Oct. 3-4 and ending Nov. 1.

Maryln Shores reported on Sept. 8 Finance Council meeting. A school report was given including the enrollment and STO report. Due to Covid there will be no music concerts for the school through the end of 2020 and no visitors or parent volunteers are allowed in the school. The financial reports were reviewed and explained. An application for a FEMA grant to help cover extra expenses incurred due to Covid has been completed. Fr. Jacob stated how pleased he is with how the teachers and students are dealing with all the Covid requirements.

Frank Ryant reported the Buildings and Grounds have not met. However, they are working on getting the rectory prepared for American Waterworks to install a system to prevent water in the basement.

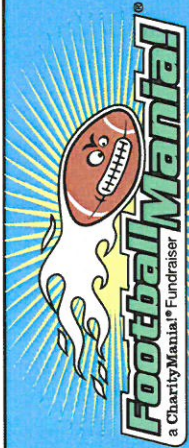
Emergency Management Committee (EMC) – No report.

Fr. Jacob reported on the Cornerstone program that he and Melanie will be presenting. It will look different this year due to Covid; however, the ultimate goal is for the parents to educate their students in the faith. He has been discussing Advent Reconciliation services and Christmas masses with other priests. Decisions will need to be made as the time gets closer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled October 22, 2020. Mike Drees made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Truka. Motion approved by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Frana,
Recording Secretary



FootballMania 2020 Season Prize Money Guarantee

FootballMania Schedule and Prize Money Guarantee...

The NFL plans to start its season on time and play a full schedule, but we realize things can change. If the NFL pushes back the season or changes the schedule, but plays all games, then we will adjust our schedule accordingly and calculate winners based on the new dates provided by the NFL.

Contingency plan – all prize money paid even if weeks are canceled

If the length of the NFL season changes and any teams do not play the full 10 weeks printed on the game cards, then we will use replacement football scores from a random prior season (between 2010-2019) to calculate winners for any canceled weeks of the NFL season. See the CharityMania website for details.

The total number of winners, prize money awarded, and odds of winning will not be affected by any schedule changes. All promised prize money will be paid.

More information for game card holders

For the latest information regarding FootballMania, game card holders should go to the CharityMania website and check their game card number. We will post updates if any new information is available. Thank you!

www.CharityMania.com

Over 300 prizes awarded totaling more than \$15,000!

Highway Wallet Ticket of the October	\$1000
Highway Ticket Prize Bonnet	\$400
2nd Highest	\$100
3rd Highest	\$25
4th Highest	\$200
5th Highest	\$25
6th Highest	\$25
7th Highest	\$25
8th Highest	\$25
9th Highest	\$25
10th Highest	\$25

FootballMania® is an exciting sweepstakes game with 30 prizes awarded each week and 2 grand prizes of the season. Each ticket has a 1 in 17 chance of winning. See the back of the ticket for sweepstakes rules and terms. Prizes are awarded on a random basis. Odds should not fool! This sweepstakes is free to play. Thank you for your support of...

The Ticket with Music Access Code
To raise money, you sell CharityMania Tickets (i.e. the stub here at the top). With each ticket, buyers get an access code that allows them to download digital music from our CharityStudio.

The Promotional Sweepstakes Game Card!
A promotional game card is located beneath each CharityMania ticket. Sweepstakes participants have a chance to win \$1000s in prize money based on the number of points scored by the teams printed on the back of the game card.

Your Contact Info
The name and contact information for your organization is printed directly on the front of the game card so people know whom they are supporting.

To download your music from the CharityStudio

- Go to the website www.charitystudio.com
- Enter the download code from the back of this ticket stub.
- Select the music you want to download and follow the on-screen instructions.

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Check your game card # 1234 - 9A501 at www.charitymania.com

Your 2020 FootballMania teams by week:

1) Oct 29 - Nov 2 Denver Oakland Houston	2) Nov 5 - Nov 9 Atlanta Tennessee Baltimore	3) Nov 12 - Nov 16 Minnesota Buffalo Cincinnati	4) Nov 19 - Nov 23 Dallas San Diego Indianapolis	5) Nov 26 - Nov 30 Kansas City Detroit Denver	6) Dec 3 - Dec 7 Dallas Green Bay Arizona	7) Dec 10 - Dec 14 Miami Tampa Bay San Francisco	8) Dec 17 - Dec 21 Chicago Green Bay Houston	9) Dec 24 - Dec 28 Washington Pittsburgh Carolina	10) Dec 31 - Jan 3 Cleveland Jacksonville New England
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Bye Weeks: Teams that do not play (i.e. have a bye) in a given week are assigned their team's score from the prior week.

FootballMania 10 Week Sweepstakes Rules

[1] Your game card contains 10 different 3-team combinations, each randomly generated and randomly assigned to one of the last 10 weeks of the 2020 pro football season. [2] Each week, the scores of the 3 teams in the combination of the 25 game cards whose teams score the most total combined points relative to all other teams in a given week. The 5 cards that score the least total points also receive prizes. Grand Prizes are awarded to the one card with the most points. [3] If one card with the least total combined points scores over all 10 weeks, [3] that card wins the grand prize. [4] A bye week is assigned to the team that does not play (i.e. has a bye) in a given week is assigned that team's score from the previous week. [5] Minimum odds of winning: 1 in 16,09 for the entire season. [6] The sweepstakes ends on 1/12/2021. [7] Sweepstakes ends on 1/12/2021. [8] To enter the sweepstakes, the organization on the front of this card must activate the card number. To request a free game card, ask the organization in person (see contact info on front of card) for a free game card request form, with a self-addressed stamped envelope postmarked by 11/21/2020. A game card will be assigned to you and mailed in the return envelope sent with your form. [9] See website for additional details and to view winning game card.

1234 - 9A501

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Full Mailing Address _____

→ www.charitymania.com

Example Winner
Let's say your game card has these teams in Week 6

Team	Points Scored
Dallas	42
Green Bay	35
Arizona	41
Total points	118

If the total combined points scored by the teams is one of the 25 highest, or 5 lowest this week, then the game card wins prize money!

Rules and Winners
The sweepstakes rules are written on the game card. In addition, card holders are encouraged to visit the CharityMania website to see if they are a winner. Winners are posted after the completion of all the games each week of the sweepstakes.

Stub
You collect the game card holder's contact info and return the stub to your organization.

All winners, prize money awarded, and odds of winning will not be affected by any schedule changes

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