

Notre Dame Parish

Cresco, Iowa

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*"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 **February 8, 2021**, 7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

Reconciliation Saturday 3:15—3:50 p.m.; Sunday 9:15—9:50 a.m. or 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.

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

You may have noticed the altar servers are sitting in a different position. Now they are watching YOU! The purpose of this change is not only liturgical, but also another health and safety precaution during this current pandemic.

Previously, they were seated in the front of the "nave" (the pewed section reserved for the congregation). There was a liturgical movement a few decades ago that wanted to emphasize the lay parishioners coming from among the people to assist and minister at Mass. I moved them up into the "sanctuary" (the place of sacred action during the liturgy - the area around the altar and tabernacle). This is the original idea of liturgy that I prefer: since they are wearing liturgical garments ("albs" and "cinctures") and are assisting so close to the altar and the Eucharist, they are distinctly part of the liturgy and are positioned as such. It's also a joy to have them up in the sanctuary with me as it brings back memories of sitting up there with my brother as a young altar server.

The second reason is to continue to take action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the altar servers from the virus as much as possible. They will no longer be holding the Roman Missal ("let us pray..."), and will no longer be washing my hands, but will still be a huge help in assisting me throughout the mass, and also getting to participate (ringing bells, moving the Gospel stand, preparing the altar, fetching batteries when my mic goes dead, etc.).

Please continue to pray for unity, health, and good will among all our parishioners as we fight against illness and infection, and for a swift deliverance from this pandemic.

Peace,

father jacob rouse

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name.

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, November 23— No Mass

Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, November 24—Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Verdell and Lois Haakenson

Wednesday, November 25—Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Don Shea

Thursday, November 26— Mass in church and livestreamed

Happy Thanksgiving! Mass open to public.

9:00 a.m. +Larry Voves

EMs: Marlene Quinn, Janet Andera, Connie Kepros
Connie Sindelar

Lector: Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Joe Wacha, Suzanne Ollendick

Friday, November 27—No Mass

Church and Parish Office closed.

Saturday, November 28— Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Louie Balk

EMs: Lisa Kimball, Becky McGee, Steve and Terry Duerre

Lector: Ethan Rice

Servers: Carver Munkel, Cody Sobolik

Music: Rita Roberts, Deb Moellers

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Dave and Robin Skoda,
Jim Murphy

Sunday, November 29— Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Dwayne Hauber

EMs: Connie Sindelar, Mae Davis, Frank and Donna Ryant

Lector: Bill Sindelar

Servers: Jordyn Fisk, Mason Regan

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed

+Todd Schmauss

EMs: Sue Runyan, Tracy Hart, Tom and Connie Frana

Lector: Sue Runyan

Servers: Tommy Mashek, Hadley Riehle

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Jerry Wilson,

*When fortune is against us,
We don't forget to whine.
But do we remember gratitude
When everything is fine?*

The Word Among Us for Advent are available in the front entrance of the church and on the front porch of the parish office for you to take home and use for daily meditation during Advent, 2020.

In Memory

Nestor and Dolly Reicks Sanctuary Candle

Clair Svestka Altar Bread

Leonard and Cecilia Kapler Altar Wine

Mary Jane Hudson Missalettes

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
Mark Grube	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
Al Reicks	Leona Kriener
Elizabeth Yount	Sadie Thraenert
Wayne Carolan	Paula Growden
Richard Bruening	

Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Mary Lou Fritz**, mother of Lisa and Chris Kimball. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

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

Nov. 15, 2020

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,257.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 6,534.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 188.80

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Giving Tree is set up in the front entrance of the church and tags are also available in the parish office. Please take a tag and buy the item requested. **Return the gift, unwrapped, to the Notre Dame Parish Office by Dec. 7.**

Sponsored by CARE (Communities About Reaching Everyone). Note: one family is in need of a stove as they lost theirs in a fire. If you have a stove (new or good used condition), please call the parish office. For more information on the Giving Tree, call the parish office.

What's this STO all about? It's about supporting our kids, particularly those in families who otherwise may not be able to afford a Catholic school education and making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the *Our Faith School Tuition Organization* (STO) qualify for a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1,000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$650, which reduces your Iowa tax bill by \$650. That means, for a maximum cost to you of \$350, you're able to provide \$1,000 in need-based assistance to families! And remember, a gift to the STO also qualifies as a charitable contribution on your federal income taxes, if you itemize deductions. To learn more visit www.ourfaithsto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800 876-3546 ext 219.

St. Cecilia Circle will be collecting dues this year instead of the November Dinner due to Covid. A letter has been mailed to the members of this circle. Your donation will be appreciated. Thank you.

St. Andrew Circle will be collecting dues this year. A letter has been mailed to the members of this circle. Your donation will be appreciated. Thank you.

Football Mania *Congratulations to the Winners for this week of football mania:* Brenda Lentz, \$25 and Hyrine Murphy, \$25. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for this Notre Dame School's Fall Fundraiser. Tickets can still be purchased for the balance of the season by contacting the school. *Don't miss out on your chance to win!*

Circles of Faith Booklets are being compiled for 2021. As many projects, committees, etc. did not happen in 2020, we are keeping the circles, committees, etc. the same as in 2020. If you wish to change circles or committees, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Sewing Circle could use items like pillowcases, flannel sheets, layette items, like onesies, baby clothes, stuffed toys, receiving blankets, etc. Also, if anyone would like to help sew bias tape on pillowcase dresses, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

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.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Volunteers Needed: We are all thankful for our families this time of year, but some children need extra support outside of the home. Volunteer to be a CASA Advocate and help support youth in your local area! For more information email: kerry.brennan@dia.iowa.gov

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 the members of the Faith Formation Commission.

SCRIP Program now includes Dollar Fresh and HyVee as well as 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 weekends of **Dec. 5-6; 12-13; and 19-20.** They make great gifts!

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

Dishes left from projects and funeral dinners are available in the breezeway at the south end of the church hall. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Thank you!

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 may be completed to April 30. For more information call in Cresco 563 547-4413; in Decorah 563 382-8436 ext. 150.

Accepting New Counseling Clients via Telehealth If you know of anyone struggling with their brain health during this time, our Catholic Charities Counselors are accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at [563-588-0558](tel:563-588-0558) to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA) Branch W033 will not be having the annual Christmas Party (due to Covid) on Dec. 6. Merry Christmas to all our members and their families. We hope to get back together in 2021.

FCSLA officers held a special meeting in November and decided even without their annual Christmas party, they will send out scholarships. Winners are Rachel Stika, Karissa Stika, Shayla Kuennen, Sara Opat, Reid Fjelstul, Emyleigh Opat and Olivia Opat. Congratulations to them! Checks for \$250 will be mailed. If you are a member of FCSLA for one year and going to any college or any trade school or if you are going to a Catholic grade school or Catholic high school, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. For more information, call Rebecca Kuhn at 563 562-9043.

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, let us not forget to remember and pray for our dearly departed loved ones.



A Book of Remembrance is available on Mary's altar for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered during the month of November. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

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