

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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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 **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.

December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

It is most ironic that as we lament the breakdown of the traditional family in our society, we celebrate a most untraditional family as the source of true and traditional family values. The "family" of Joseph, Mary and Jesus was anything but typical for their day. No matter how much of God's intervention we may ascribe to the make up of this threesome, the bare facts are: Joseph was not the physical father of Jesus, yet took the mother of Jesus to himself as wife. And, furthermore, there was one and one only child—a rather unusual and even disdainful condition for a family of Israel at that time.

The question is posed, then—what constitutes a true and traditional family, and what family values does such a family have? To look to the "Holy Family" for neat and clear answers to these questions is a mistake.

Joseph, Mary and Jesus are celebrated as the "Holy Family", not because of the particular make-up of the relationships, but rather according to how the relationships were lived. These three lived with each other in deep charity, trust, forgiveness, and mutual respect. These qualities are crucial for any family's well-being, no matter what shape it takes.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

When you are good to others, you are best to yourself.

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, December 28– No Mass
Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, December 29—Mass in church and livestreamed 11:00 a.m. Funeral for Ione Meyer
Visitation an hour before in church
No 5:15 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 30–Mass in church and livestreamed 8:00 a.m. +Mary Riha

Thursday, December 31- Mass in church and livestreamed Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 5:15 p.m. +Bernard and Ruth Reicks

EMs: Mary Larson, Connie Sindelar, Jim Truka, Jessica Kapler

Lector: Mary Larson

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Harlan Larson, Chloe Rice

Ushers: Terry and Steve Duerre

Friday, January 1 –Mass in church and livestreamed Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. +Clair Svestka

EMs: Boyd and Mary Turnbull, Frank and Donna Ryant

Lector: Mary Turnbull

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Pam Daley, Carol Foley

Ushers: Brad and Jodi Dull

Saturday, January 2- Mass in church and livestreamed 4:00 p.m. +David Urban

EMs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Marcie Huhe, Lisa Kimball

Lector: Terry Duerre

Servers: Carver Munkel, Awnan Skoda

Music: Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

Ushers: Steve and Terry Duerre, Gretchen Laub, Ethan Rice

Sunday, January 3- Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Nestor and Dolly Reicks

EMs: Janet Andera, Mae Davis, Julie Haskovec, Joyce Kapler

Lector: Roger Kleve

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Joe Haskovec

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

+Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family

EMs: Jed and Joyce Becker, Patty Elsbernd, Connie Frana

Lector: Jed Becker

Servers: Ava Daley, Tommy Mashek

Music: Carol Foley, Polly Jones

Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Jerry and Wanda Reicks

*In my hands I hold today,
In my dreams, I hold tomorrow,
In my faith, I hold forever.*

Happy New Year!

Reminder: When there is a funeral, there will not be a daily mass on that day. Thank you.

In Memory

Darrell Riehle Sanctuary Candle

Larry Voves Altar Bread

Clair Svestka Altar Wine

Dec'd Members of Frana and Gehling Families
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
Dick Ollendieck	Arlene Kuenen
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	Clyde Straka
Kellie Riehle	Tom McGee

Our sympathy. . .

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ione Meyer. 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

Dec. 20, 2020

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 15,821.56
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 663.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 273.00

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, ". . . do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. . ."

2021 Budget Envelopes, Calendars and Circles of Faith Booklets are available in the elevator lobby of the church *If you can deliver any of the Budget Envelopes to others, it would be much appreciated and save the parish the cost of mailing. Note: If you donate to the parish through ACH, gifts of grain or IRA rollovers, you have a "mini" box of envelopes. Circles of Faith booklet is also available on the parish website.*

Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Ministers of Care will **NOT** meet on Tues., Jan. 5.

Cornerstone will meet on Wed., Jan. 6, 6:15 p.m. Notre Dame Church.

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

Only a few days remain! There is still just enough time to make an online gift to the Our Faith STO in 2020 but hurry! Funds contributed in 2020 will provide need based assistance to families to attend a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque during the 2021-22 school year. But we need your help to reach our goal. All gifts will reduce your Iowa Income Tax by 65% of your gift, regardless of the size of the gift. And all gifts qualify as a charitable contribution for federal income taxes. When the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31, this opportunity for tax year 2020 will be gone. To learn more visit www.ourfaithsto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800 876-3546 ext 219.

Football Mania *Congratulations to the Winners for this week of football mania:* Kyle Balik, \$400; Mark Hunziker, \$25; Parker Pecinovsky, \$25; Noah Dietzenbach, \$25; Terra Bigalk, \$25; and Amanda Bergan, \$25. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for this Notre Dame School's Fall Fundraiser.

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 Jan. 2-3.

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.


Radio Rosary is broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KCZQ 102.3 FM. Sponsors are welcome to support this broadcast. Cost is \$25.00 per broadcast. If you are interested in contributing towards this Radio Rosary, please contact Mary Gansen, 563 547-5495 or the parish office, 563 547-3565. Thank you!

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.

A big Thank You to all our advertisers listed on the back of the bulletin for their generous support. Please show your appreciation by patronizing these businesses.

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 who helped decorate the church for Christmas..

Congratulations to Tony and Tracy (Hageman) Herold who were married at Notre Dame on Dec. 19. 

Hawki is health and dental coverage for children ages 1-19 who do not financially qualify for Medicaid yet still meet certain income guidelines. The guidelines are based on household size and income and many working families qualify. A family of 4 can make up to \$79,124/yr and qualify for coverage. Apply online at dhsservices.iowa.gov or call 855-889-7985. Questions? Contact Hawki Member Services at 800 257-8563 or <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki> or call 563 556-6200 ext. 1933.

January 2021 Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Tues., Jan. 5, 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. (or until we run out of food) at the Featherlite Bldg. Drive through method. Empty boxes appreciated for next months use. Please note that you can only attend 1 MFP per month. For more information contact NEIFB 319 235-0507 or Cindy at 719 237-6102 or 563 547-2108.

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.

2021 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference *Beauty in Christ: ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!* Saturday, January 30, 2021, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will offer the same high quality you have come to expect: two national speakers, prayer opportunities, a variety of vendors, and conversation with other faith-filled women. Remember--you can even join if you're a snow bird!!! Featured speakers include [Maria Vadia](#) and [Caroline Gambale-Dirkes](#), with Maria offering talks in English and Spanish! Take this opportunity to fire up your faith! More information can be found at: <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>.

The 2021 Men's Conference to be held on March 13 will feature keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, host of "The Patrick Madrid Show" on Relevant Radio. The day also includes breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels, and more. Participants can join in-person at Xavier Catholic High School (Cedar Rapids), or virtually as the conference will be live-streamed. For more details and registration, visit: www.ArchMensConference.org

Thank You! The St. Lucas Historical Society and the German American Museum volunteers are most thankful for your generous financial support of the Christmas Reflections curb side pick-up dinner event and also the Museum Open House of this past weekend. These funds are critical for the maintenance and well being of the Museum. Many thanks and a blessed Christmas season

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. Contact us at [563-588-0558](tel:563-588-0558) to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

One

One Tree can start a forest;
One Smile can begin a friendship;
One Hand can lift a soul;
One Word can frame a goal;
One Candle can wipe out darkness;
One Laugh can conquer gloom;
One Hope can raise your spirits;
One Touch can show you care;
One Life can make the difference;
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