

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 **May 3, 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.

January 3, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord

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

Every so often in some major magazine or even in a Sunday edition of a newscast, we are given a glimpse of the earth as seen from space. The oceans and land masses shimmer in their blue-green and brown and green hues. "The nations" as we know them on maps disappear. There are land masses that are bounded only by mountain ranges and deserts and the oceans and seas. These are uncannily beautiful photos that show our planet as one lustrous orb in the vast darkness of space.

The feast of Epiphany celebrates Jesus' manifestation "to all the nations." The fabulous story of visitors from the East to Bethlehem is told. We hear of homage given to the babe in the manger by important "outsiders." The whole thrust of the story is that Jesus is God's ambassador to all peoples; he has come with peace for all humankind.

Century after century has passed and the word about the Word Incarnate has been told throughout the globe. There is hardly a place left on the planet that has not heard of God-made-manifest in Jesus, the Christ. The peace and good will of God toward all humanity has become known to all.

It would be a wondrous miracle, indeed, to look at a photograph from an orbiting space ship someday and know this peace of God is realized by all humanity dwelling on this blue-green orb of beauty.

Next week's readings:
Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

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, January 4— No Mass
Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, January 5—Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.
5:15 p. m. +Larry Baumler

Wednesday, January 6—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Don Carolan

Thursday, January 7— 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. +Grace Slifka

Friday, January 8—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Raymond and Angeline Rance

Saturday, January 9— Mass in church and livestreamed
4:00 p.m. +Hugo and Ethel Funke
EMs: Mary Larson, Becky McGee, Marlene Quinn, Margaret Ward

Lector: Mary Larson

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Harlan Larson, Suzanne Ollendick

Ushers: Jim Murphy, Ray Schwarzhoff, Adam and Aidan Skoda

Sunday, January 10— Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Mary Ann Kuhn

EMs: Wayne and Kelly Mashek, Boyd and Mary Turnbull

Lector: Mary Turnbull

Servers: Claire Kach, Mason Regan

Music: Margaret Sobolik, Suzanne Ollendick

Ushers: Tom Mullen, Art Schwarzhoff, Ken Hubka Cody Kerian

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

+Ruben Gamez

EMs: Steve and Sheila Slifka, Tom and Connie Frana

Lector: Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Joe Wacha, Suzanne Ollendick

Ushers: Steve Slifka, Jerry Wilson, Jerry and Wanda Reicks

I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Stocks/Commodities Are you thinking about making a donation to the parish? Did you know Notre Dame Parish accepts stocks, IRA distributions and commodities (grain) donations? Check with your tax professional to see what advantages are available to you by gifting appreciated stock and/or commodities directly to the church. Regardless of the purchase price, the amount of your deduction is the fair market value on the day the stock and/or commodity is given to the church.

In Memory

L. V. Svestka; Von Arndt Altar Bread and Win
Ben Phillips Missalettes (January)

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	Tom Thraenert
Arlene Kuennen	Marcia Murray
Kellie Riehle	Tom McGee

Our sympathy...

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Dale Webb, brother of LeRoy Webb. Eternal rest grant unto him, 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. 27, 2020

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 6,423.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 5,272.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 211.00
Christmas:	\$ 19,771.50

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

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.*

Mark Your Calendar: Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Lasagne Supper and Pie Auction to be held on Friday, January 29, 2021. See bulletin insert for more details!

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

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

Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sun., Jan. 10. Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Jan. 10 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Your help will be appreciated.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule: There is a liturgical schedule for the month of 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.*

Reverse Collection will be held next weekend, Jan. 9-10. Please take a tag, buy the item and return it to church to be donated to the local Food Pantry. Thank you.

Rosary Program - Our Lady (*Notre Dame*) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. The rosary is so powerful. 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. Rosaries, along with instructions on how to pray the rosary, and tally slips can be found in the News and Literature stand in the church entry. **218** Rosaries were prayed during the month of December. *Notre Dame, pray for us.*

Football Mania *Congratulations to the Winners for this week of football mania:* Sherrie Balik, \$25; Chris Bina, \$25; and John Schmitz, \$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 NOT be sold at the masses the weekend 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.

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 information, call the parish office.

Notre Dame Parish has a photo display of family members of parishioners who are actively serving our country in the military. If you have a family member who is actively serving in the military at this time and have not already given us a picture and you would like us to include them in our prayers, please drop off a small (3x5 or less) photo of them at the parish office with their name and your relationship.

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 Pastoral Council.

"Do Something Beautiful for God" Books by Mother Teresa are available for you to take in the front entrance of the church.

We welcome new members If you are new to the area or have graduated from high school and have not yet joined a parish as an adult, please contact the parish office to register or register online at our parish website: notredamecresco.com. For more information, call 563 547-3565.

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.

Ten New Year's Resolutions for Catholic Parents

This year, with God's help, we resolve:

To make spending time with God a priority, and to encourage our children to spend time with Him in prayer, in our home, and at Mass

To teach our children about God, His ways, His promises, and His love for us

To treat our children with respect and love, and to always have their best interests at heart

To forgive one another, and to ask forgiveness from our children when we have wronged them

To allow ourselves the grace and humility to be imperfect, and to avoid punishing ourselves over imperfections

To rejoice in being the parents God made us to be, and to resist the temptation to compare ourselves to other parents

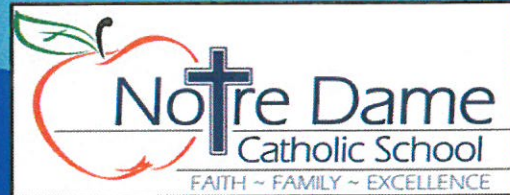
To play more, and pray more with our children

To show our children that they are loved by making time for them, especially when life gets busy

To work on strengthening our covenantal marriage relationship in order to strengthen our family

To love our children as God loves them, and to make sure they know it every day.

2021 Lasagna Carry Out Supper & Online Auction!



We warmly invite you to our revamp of Notre Dame Catholic School Lasagna Carry Out and Online Classroom Project/Pie Auction!

***To view or bid on our auction:**

Go to: www.ndcschool.weebly.com
and click on the auction link.

You can also find the link at Notre Dame School FB page, and Notre Dame Parish website.

Create a Hi-Bid account, you only need an email address and password. Then start the bidding!!

***Auction Item(s) pick up and payment at the South entrance parking lot to Notre Dame Church: 1/29/2021 4:30-7pm.**

We will have lasagna carry outs available to bring to you with your auction item(s).

Please use the south one way entrance, E to W, pull around the lot and remain in your vehicle. A school representative will come to assist you.

As with any new year, challenges are evident, and we are taking this head on! With limited fundraising opportunities this past spring and fall, we hope to find new light with this event.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame School.

Lasagna Pick Up Only Carry Outs: \$10

(Lasagna, French Bread, Salad and Dessert)

Using the 2nd Ave E entrance, please pull up in two parallel lines and remain in your vehicle. A school representative will come out to collect your order, payment and bring your carry-outs to you.

Cash or Checks acceptable and made payable to:
Notre Dame School

THANK YOU!!

**Online Auction:
Online Preview & Bidding
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Supper & Auction Pick Up
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Time: 4:30-7 pm**

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