

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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Monday through Friday

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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: dbgrouse@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 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

When people are sent to do an important task, to go forth to accomplish some kind of mission, they are sent in some special way. Usually there is a ceremony of some sort, which includes speeches, perhaps the giving of a badge or some such insignia. Graduates of a special academy, i.e. the FBI, or any of the military academies—are commissioned for their tasks with lots of pomp and circumstance.

When Jesus decided to undertake his mission he was baptized by John in the Jordan. When he came out of the water all the gospels attest there was a remarkable happening: there was a voice and some kind of visible presence of the Spirit being "poured out" upon him. There was, in other words, another manifestation of God's presence, and that presence specifically available to Jesus. Jesus was commissioned to undertake his work as Yahweh's "chosen servant."

We believe our own baptism incorporates us into the same mission Jesus had. There may not be quite such remarkable outward signs; but the task is the same: to bring the good news of God's saving and reconciling love to all humankind.

Next week's readings:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

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 11—No Mass
Pray for everyone affected by Covid.

Tuesday, January 12—Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.
5:15 p. m. +Clair Svestka

Wednesday, January 13—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Betty Moen

Thursday, January 14—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. +Monica Reicks

Friday, January 15—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Herman and Maria Abberger

Saturday, January 16—Mass in church and livestreamed
4:00 p.m. +Harold and Dorothy Grube
EMs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Marcie Huhe, Lisa Kimball
Lector: Ethan Rice
Servers: Cody Sobolik, Carver Munkel
Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones
Ushers: Dave and Robin Sobolik, Steve and Terry Duerre

Sunday, January 17—Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Mary Ann Kuhn
EMs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Julie Haskovec,
Connie Sindelar
Lector: Bill Sindelar
Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk
Music: Rita Roberts, Jamie Fisk
Ushers: Tony Roberts, Marvin Lensing, Warren Steffen
Joe Haskovec

10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed
+Arkie and Joan Kleve
EMs: Tracy Hart, Jessica Kapler,
Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Lector: Tracy Hart
Servers: Hadley Riehle, Noah Dietzenbach
Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz
Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach Family

God never promises to remove us from our struggles. He does promise, however, to change the way we look at them.

2021 Budget Boxes will be mailed this week. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 563 547-3565.

In Memory

Victor and Annette Polashek Sanctuary Candle
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 McGee
Arlene Kuennen	Marcia Murray
Kellie Riehle	Julia Blaylock
Leona Herold	

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

Jan. 3, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$10,923.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 9,483.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 693.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 0
Christmas total:	\$ 21,281.50

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it—especially themselves—to the Lord of all."

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!

New Address? We need your new address, email address and/or phone number. Just a reminder if your address, email address or phone number have changed, please notify the parish office, 563 547-3565. Thank you.

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.

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

Sewing Circle will meet on Mon., Jan. 11, 2:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Church Hall.

Finance Council will not meet on Tues., Jan. 12.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., Jan. 13, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame School Media Center.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

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 this 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.

Football Mania *Congratulations to the Winners for the last week of football mania:* Michelle Burnikel, \$25; Noah Schrage, \$25; Jeremiah Nelson, \$25; Cohl Lee, \$25; and Jan Praska, \$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 order, 563 547-3565.

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. Click [HERE](#) for more information about telehealth

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawls are available at the front entrance of the church or in the front porch of the parish office to anyone who is ill or going through a hard time and needs to know that someone cares about them.

Northeast Iowa Prolifers will meet on January 12, at 10:15am in the basement classroom in St. Benedict Church in Decorah. There is room for social distance. We will be working on our "Did you know" program and other first quarter projects. All pro lifers and new ideas are welcome

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 Finance Council.

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.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Please continue to save your pop tabs for this worthwhile project. You may leave them in the boxes at the entrances of church. To date we have collected 1700 lbs. of pop tabs and have donated them to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, MN.

Annual VFW Cancer Benefit Breakfast Sunday, Jan. 17, serving 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. VFW Hall, Cresco. Serving regular, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage. Free Will donation. Proceeds to be used for local cancer organizations: HOCA and Milz Cancer Fund (VFW Auxiliary). Sponsored by VFW Post 4561 and Auxiliary. Carry out or dine in. Masks and social distancing required.

2021 Virtual Archdiocese Women's Conference *Beauty in Christ: ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!* Saturday, January 30, 2021, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Mark your calendars for this outstanding day. 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! The presentations will ignite women into a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit! Take this opportunity to fire up your faith! Registration will open soon. Group pricing will be available! 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

Spread love everywhere you go;

First of all in your own house.

Give love to your children,
to your spouse,

to a next door neighbor. . .

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness;

Kindness in your face,

Kindness in your eyes

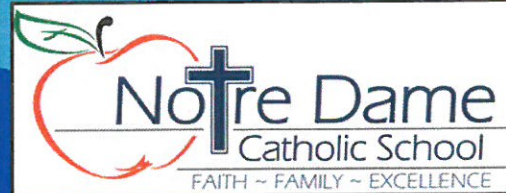
Kindness in your smile

Kindness in your warm greeting

Kindness in your heart will fill others with

Kindness from God.

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
1/20-1/28
Supper & Auction Pick Up
1/29/2021
Time: 4:30-7 pm

Thank You!

Christmas Flower Donations, Notre Dame – 2020

Thank You!

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