

Notre Dame Parish

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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 **Feb. 7, 2022**, 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 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14; revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Christ's kingship is a different kind of kingship than of the kind we usually think. And thus his kingdom is a different kind of kingdom as well. We celebrate the feast of Christ the King, it is true, but what is it we are celebrating?

The answer to that question is found throughout today's liturgy. Jesus Christ consistently rejected the notion of his being a king or having a kingdom of the type people tried to impose on him. Yet he was crucified as an imposter "king" and the inscription over his head read "The King of the Jews" (Mockingly, of course.)

So why do we have a celebration of Christ the King? In his answer to Pilate, Jesus tried to steer, unsuccessfully however, the consciousness of Pilate to a different awareness. Kingship is not about raw power, but about living in truth—in God's truth. One who lives in God's truth is a "king" because God's kingly reign is in that person's heart and soul. In that sense all who live in truth live in God and thus reign with God—every person is a "king" in a sense.

The liturgy today says it this way: Christ has been anointed as universal king so he may present to God "an eternal and universal kingdom:

A kingdom of truth and universal life,
A kingdom of holiness and grace,
A kingdom of justice, love, and peace."

This is the kingdom over which Christ is king; that kind of kingdom is worth celebrating, indeed.

Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

Monday, Nov. 22—No Mass. Pray for all who have died.

Tuesday, Nov. 23—Mass in church and livestreamed
2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans Home +Larry Barnes (Note date change due to Thanksgiving)

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Darrell and Mickie Riehle

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Nov. 24—Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Larry Baumler

Sacristan: Ken and Maryln Shores

Thursday, Nov. 25 Mass in church and livestreamed
Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. +Larry Voves

EMHCs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Jerry O'Donnell

Lectors: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Servers: Ava and Liam Daley

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Mae Davis, Sheila Grabau,
Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Hosts: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Ushers: Art Schwarzhoff, Tony Roberts, Warren Steffen
Marvin Lensing

Sacristan: Frank and Donna Ryant

Friday, Nov. 26 No Mass—Be thankful for all your blessings

Saturday, Nov. 27 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Larry Barnes

EMHCs: Jill McConnell, Becky McGee, Marlene Quinn

Lectors: Marlene Quinn, Mary Larson

Servers: Braylee and Ainsley Teeling

Music: Harlan Larson, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Galen and Lavon Fye

Hosts: Pat and Becky McGee

Ushers: Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda, Jim Murphy

Sacristan: Jill McConnell

Sunday, Nov. 28 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Louie Balk

EMHCs: Julie Wilson, Janet Andera, Mae Davis

Lectors: Julie Wilson, Roger Kleve

Servers: Cali Schwickerath, Lincoln Manske

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Bart and Julie Wilson, Roger and Elaine Kleve

Hosts: Quentin and Darlene Vsetecka

Ushers: Nick, Ava and Audrey Ferrie, Tom Mullen

Sacristan: Janet Andera

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

+Kellie Riehle

EMHCs: Tom Kleve, Wayne and Janet Kreitzer

Lectors: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Servers: Addison Bohr, Eleanor Ellingson

Music: Joe Wacha, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Marjette Fitzgerald, Audrey Hyke,
Jolene Trachta, Jerry Wilson

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Jerry Wilson,
Richard McConnell

Sacristan: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

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

Parish Office will be closed on Nov. 25-26.

Note: Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. mass on Dec. 25. Practice will be on Dec. 19, 9:00 a.m.

In Memory

Jerome and Esther Heit Sanctuary Candle

Dale Webb Altar Bread

Leonard and Cecelia Kapler Altar Wine

Ray and Ruth Langreck Missalette (November)

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
Arlene Kuennen	JoDene Van Dyke
Joyce Kapler	Don Neubauer
Deanne Webb	Bill Smith
Marilyn Novak	Steve Slifka
Magnus Forland	Marian Wiltgen
Dan Praska	Paula Growden
Randy Smith	Bill Smith

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: DBQ047S1@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. 14, 2021

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 6,297.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 6,891.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 455.00

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Wednesday Bible Study Attend either at 8:30 am or 6:30 pm, both sessions to be held in the Parish Office. Each Wednesday we review the upcoming readings for the following weekend. No need to register and no fees, just show up and bring a friend.

Save the date: Parish Appreciation Party will be held on Sat., Dec. 4, 5:00—7:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Church Hall serving appetizers and beverages. Christmas music and Santa will be part of the party. Everyone is welcome!

A new liturgical ministry schedule is available on the parish website.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleaning of church - it is greatly appreciated!

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on Sunday, November 21, 7:00 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome!

CARE (Communities About Reaching Everyone) Tags are available in the front entrance. Take a tag, buy the item requested, return the unwrapped item to the Parish Office before Dec. 6. Thank you.

Wee Families will meet on Sun., Nov. 21, 4:30 p.m. Notre Dame Church. Short and sweet faith formation for young families. Ideal for children ages 1-5. Milk and cookies following.

Into the Deep will meet on Sun., Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church. Watch a YouTube video on Fr. Jacob's channel "Into the Deep—November—Will I Go To Hell If I Miss Mass?" for a preview of the upcoming discussion.

Parish Office will be closed on Nov. 25-26.

Winter Clothing Drive As a Confirmation project, we are collecting coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for school age children. Small, medium, large and extra large youth sizes. We ask these items are gently used or new. No rips or broken zippers. The box will be in the front entrance of the church. Deadline is Nov. 25. Thank you!

Circles of Faith Booklets will be updated soon. If you would like to volunteer as a chairperson for a project committee or a funeral committee or if you want to switch project committees or volunteer for a funeral committee, please call the parish office. Volunteers are needed especially for weekday funeral committees. Chairpeople are needed for St. Blasé and St. Anne Circles. Thank you.

Football Mania Thank you to all who are participating in the Notre Dame School Fundraiser. Winners for Week 1: Frank Ryant, \$25; Josh Tupy, \$25; Marty Balik, \$25; Sherrie Balik, \$25; Jacob Fouts, \$25. Winners for Week 2: Joe Kriener, \$25; Connie Ashley, \$25; Becky Ullom, \$25; Meagan Moellers, \$25; Angie Bohr, \$25; Jodi Dull, \$25.

Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Long John Silvers, Sue-Z-Q, Atomic Pizza and Kwik Star. Cards are available at the parish office. Cards will be sold in church on Dec. 4-5; 11-12; 18-19.

November is the month of remembrance for those who have passed away. A Book of Remembrance will be available on Mary's Altar during the month of November for you to write the names of your loved ones to be remembered especially during the month of November. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

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 make the Baptismal white garments.



Notre Dame School Activity Corner: To some, it may seem a little early for Christmas trees and carols, but the students of Notre Dame Catholic school have been in full swing rehearsing for their Christmas concert for quite awhile now! The sixth graders are preparing two-part choral music to help tell the nativity story while the fifth graders study music from the Nutcracker ballet. The second and fourth graders are applying rhythmic and melodic concepts they've been learning about to winter and Christmas themed songs. The first and third graders will be sharing music about Christmas bells. All of the students are thrilled to be able to share our music on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 with their families!

VFW Breakfast will be served Nov. 21, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Cresco. Free will offering. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Beverage. Proceeds to be used for all local VFW Functions. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting Thurs., Dec. 2, 11:30 a.m., Holy Name Parish, West Union. All ladies of the Decorah Deanery are invited to begin with Eucharistic Adoration at 11:30 a.m., followed by a soup luncheon, short business meeting and program highlighting Eucharistic Adoration. Please contact Julie Vulk at 563 380-8412 or javulk@yahoo.com by Nov. 30 for further information and to RSVP for the soup luncheon.

United Methodist Swiss Steak Dinner Mon., Nov. 22, 3:30-6:30 p.m. serving Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, relishes, roll, butter and choice of apple, cherry or pumpkin pie. All meals are \$12. It will be curbside pick up only. You can purchase tickets at CUSB or Cresco Bank and Trust, by calling Melodee Balk (563 547-3314) or coming through the line on the night of the dinner.

LIHEAP (Low income Home Energy Assistance Program and **LIHWAP** (Low income Household Water Assistance Program have been established to help qualifying low income Iowa homeowners and renters pay a portion of their bills. For more info contact Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation at 563 547-4413 or 563 382-8436.

"Christmas at the Museum" German-American Museum, St. Lucas. Christmas Open House December 4th and 5th. Saturday, December 4th: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Serving soups: Chicken Dumpling, Hearty Chili, Harvest Squash Soup with Sausage and Wild Rice. Free Will Offering Traditional Saint Nick visiting w/treats for kids. Sunday, December 5th Open House 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Art Displays by Local Artists Refreshments served. St. Lucas Historical Society Sponsored by 1891 Financial Life.

Northern Lights Women's Chorus presents Nov. 21 concert at 3 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church. A freewill offering will be taken. Singers will be masked, and face masks are encouraged

Knights of Columbus Council #1571 NEWS FLASH!!! The online promotion to join us for free has been extended to the end of calendar year 2021. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Join today. Questions call 563 581-2239.

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today.

Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, or suffering war and violence.

Open our hearts to your love.

e ask your blessing through Christ your Son. Amen.

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