

# 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



## Rev. Jacob Rouse Pastor

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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](mailto: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 28, 2021*

## *First Sunday of Advent*

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

The season of Advent is a time of devout and joyful expectation. What it is that the people of God expect is two fold: we prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and we await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time when he will gather all his elect.

So Advent time is a devoutly joyful and joyfully devout season of the church year. There is a certain lightheartedness about it, marked with an appropriate degree of solemnity. For what we are about is preparation for joyful events—the birth of the Lord and his Second Coming.

This first Sunday of Advent looks to the future—to the Second coming of the Lord. Luke's gospel has some of the same fearful dimensions as the other two synoptics—cataclysmic events in the earth and sky will frighten people terribly. But Luke has the Lord tell us, "stand up straight and raise your heads, for your ransom is near at hand." We begin Advent, then, alert to and ready for the powerful saving work of God to take place in our midst.

*Next week's readings:*

*Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6*

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

**Sunday, Nov. 28 2:00—5:00 p.m.**  
Visitation for Nick Ruppert in the church  
**Monday, Nov. 29— 10:00 a.m.** Visitation for Nick Ruppert  
**11:00 a.m.** Funeral for Nick Ruppert  
**Tuesday, Nov. 30—Mass in church and livestreamed**  
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.  
**5:15 p.m.** +Juanita Grimm  
**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros  
**Wednesday, Dec. 1—Mass in church and livestreamed**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Paula (Meyer) Field  
**Sacristan:** Jed and Joyce Becker  
**Thursday, Dec. 2 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
**9:00 a.m.** +Frank Lorenzo  
**Sacristan:** Jessica Kapler  
**Friday, Dec. 3 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Kellie Riehle  
**Sacristan:** Jerry and Barb O'Donnell  
**Saturday, Dec. 4 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
**4:00 p.m.** +Sheri Conlan  
**EMHCs:** Steve and Terry Duerre, Angie Kappes  
**Lectors:** Cheryl Brannon  
**Servers:** Emma and Reagan Drees  
**Music:** Carol Foley, Wendy Schatz  
**Greeters:** Anna Mae Christianson, Barb Prochaska  
**Hosts:** Steve and Terry Duerre  
**Ushers:** Steve Duerre, Jim Murphy, Ray Schwarzhoff  
Bryan Sheehy  
**Sacristan:** Steve and Terry Duerre  
**Sunday, Dec. 5 Mass in church and livestreamed**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Nancy Lou Hruska  
**EMHCs:** Janet Andera, Mae Davis, Patti Guyer  
**Lectors:** Ken Hubka, Roger Kleve  
**Servers:** Claire and James Kach  
**Music:** Pam Daley, Jamie Fisk  
**Greeters:** David and Elaine Bergan  
**Hosts:** Mike and Rachel Gooder  
**Ushers:** David, Shannon and Jacob Andera, Jordan Guyer  
**Sacristan:** Janet Andera  
**10:00 a.m. Mass in church and livestreamed**  
+Arkie and Joan Kleve  
**EMHCs:** Patty Elsbernd, Tom and Connie Frana  
**Lectors:** Jerry and Barb O'Donnell  
**Servers:** Ava and Liam Daley  
**Music:** Good News Singers, Deb Moellers  
**Greeters:** Ken and Nita Hackman  
**Hosts:** Brad and Jodi Dull  
**Ushers:** Jerry Wilson, Richard McConnell,  
Brad and Jodi Dull  
**Sacristan:** Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

*Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.*

*Happy Birthday to Fr. Jacob on December 6*

**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.

**Donations** are being accepted for Christmas flowers and for permanent silk flowers to be used in the church throughout the year. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Flowers" with the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered.

### In Memory

**Raymond Bieri; Patricia Burns** Sanctuary Candle

**Don Shea** Altar Bread

**Paul Sir** Altar Wine

**Chuck and Tillie DeWalle** Missalettes (December)

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### 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	Pat Smith
Emma Jean Koudelka	

### Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Nick Ruppert**; and **Lura Hockens**, mother of Deb Ferrie. Eternal rest grant unto them, 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: [DBQ047S1@dbqarch.org](mailto: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.*

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### Stewardship of Offering

**Nov. 21, 2021**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 7,798.45
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 666.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 409.00

*"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.*

**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!

**Cornerstone** will meet for Week 1 of December in the church on Dec. 1, 6:15 p.m.

**Cornerstone Team Retreat** will meet on Sun., Dec. 5, 9:00—noon in the parish hall.

**Liturgy Committee** will meet on Thurs., Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

**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.

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

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the November Dinner sponsored by St. Cecilia's Circle. If you are a member of St. Cecilia's Circle and have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

**St. Anne and St. Andrew Circles** are collecting dues this year. If you are a member of one of those circles and have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Football Mania** Thank you to all who are participating in the Notre Dame School Fundraiser. Winners for Week 3: Randy Cray, \$400; Klay Johnson, \$100; Mabel Stika, \$25; and Jason Passmore, \$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.

**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](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

**Are you meeting with your tax professional before the end of the year? Ask them about the 75% STO tax credit.** As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help families with qualifying financial needs attend an Archdiocesan school plus receive a 2021 75% tax credit. Each qualifying contribution to the *Our Faith School Tuition Organization* (STO) will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 75% of the donation. The gift may also qualify as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call Deacon Brian Zeman, Our Faith STO Direction at 563 556-2580 Ext. 296 to learn more.

**Don Davis Good Samaritan Fund** Donations are accepted for this fund through Notre Dame Parish and will be deposited in the local Salvation Army account administered by CUSB. It provides a centralized community resource for all area churches to refer requests for emergency financial assistance. For more information, contact the parish office.

#### **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 Altar Servers.*



**Notre Dame School Activity Corner:** Thank you to the Notre Dame students who changed the missalettes for the new church year.

**Wanted:** Someone to help with Kids Club 3:00—5:30 p.m. when school is in session. If interested, please contact Katie Schmitt, Principal, 563 547-4513.

**Word Among Us Booklets** are available in the front entrance for you to use during Advent.

**Happy 50th Anniversary to Steve and Terry Duerre** on Nov. 27. 

**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](mailto:javulk@yahoo.com) by Nov. 30 for further information and to RSVP for the soup luncheon.

**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.

**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](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Join today. Questions call 563 581-2239.

**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.

**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.

#### **Advent Family Prayer**

*Heavenly Father,*

*Your Son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us,  
A great sign of your love.*

*Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together  
As a family this Advent.*

*As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,  
Bring us closer to each other and to your Son.  
Give us the grace and strength we need every day.*

*Help us to always trust in you.  
Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.  
Come and dispel the darkness of our world  
With the light of your love. Amen.*

# ***CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP***

*Stewardship*



*Gifts of the Heart*

***We invite you to join us***

***At the Notre Dame Church Hall***

*(Handicapped accessible with elevator)*

## ***Christmas Appreciation Gathering***

***December 4, 2021***

***5:00—7:00 p.m.***

***(Come and go as your schedule permits)***

***Santa will make an appearance***

# Advent 2021

## CALENDAR

### Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

#### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

**SUN 28**

Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and some evergreens. Place all on a tray or large plate. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.

**MON 29**

Make a nativity scene with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoebox to make the barn and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.

**TUE 30**

People hoped and waited for so long for Jesus to come and bring light to the world! Share stories about the ways parents prepared and how they felt as they waited for their children to be born. Older siblings can share stories of waiting for younger siblings. Look through the first photographs taken of your children. Pray about your hopes for your family.

**WED 1**

The Christmas story begins with one small family set to change the world. On yellow strips of paper, write ways that your family can help bring light and hope to your community during Advent. Keep the papers in a jar. As you complete these actions, place them in the nativity scene you made to act as hay.

**THUR 2**

Mary and Joseph were immigrants traveling far from their home when Jesus was born. Try sleeping in a different place in your house tonight. Swap beds with a sibling or sleep in a sleeping bag on the floor. Thank God for the comforts of your home.

**FRI 3**

Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family.

**SAT 4**

On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.



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