

# Notre Dame Parish

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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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### *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 2, 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.

*February 27, 2022*

## *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45*

Genetic engineers spurred on by grants from mega-corporations are “designing” seeds that bear more and more fruit and yield. There are very mixed results from this high tech pursuit, as we know. A positive part of this is the advance of human knowledge, and the capacity to feed more people. A negative part is simply the question whether if we engineer strains of grain then why not engineer humans? (Ghosts of Nazi German doctors pursuing the “master race” loom large here—and well they should).

Again, Jesus' wisdom is for all ages. “A tree is known by its yield. Figs are not taken from thorn bushes, nor grapes picked from brambles. A good person produces goodness from a good heart. . .” Good deeds flow out of a good person—they cannot but do so.

Followers of Jesus' message will produce good deeds, as sure as a healthy grape vine produces healthy grapes. It seems a light year or two away from his simple analogy to today's genetic engineering labs. But it is as close as a hand before your face if we know how to look. Scientific knowledge without guidance of sound ethical principles will not—cannot—produce only good results. A good example of that is what happens in the labs of genetic research engineers. Is there a “Christian design model” for the designers? This is a question worth asking.

*Next week's readings:*

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13*

To do so no more is the truest repentance.

**Monday, Feb. 28**– No Mass. Pray for vocations.

**Tuesday, March 1**–Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

**5:15 p.m.** +Mike Walsh

**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros

**Wednesday, March 2**–Mass in church and livestreamed

**Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 a.m.** +Don and Mary Ann Shea

**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros

**6:30 p.m.** +Paul Sir

**EMHCs:** Steve and Terry Duerre, Sue Runyan

**Lector:** Terry Duerre

**Servers:** Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

**Music:** Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

**Sacristan:** Terry Duerre

**Thursday, March 3** Mass in church and livestreamed

(Not a school mass)

**9:00 a.m.** +Adrian and Betty Schatz

**Sacristan:** Mae Davis

**Friday, March 4** Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Kay Reinhart

**Sacristan:** Bill and Connie Sindelar

**1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer—Notre Dame**

Refreshments following

**Saturday, March 5** Mass in church and livestreamed

**4:00 p.m.** +Gerald Nehl

**EMHCs:** Lisa Kimball, Becky McGee, Duane Heit

**Lector:** Duane Heit

**Servers:** Emma and Regan Drees

**Music:** Carol Foley, Deb Moellers

**Greeters:** Rita Shea, Pat Korsmo

**Hosts:** Pat and Becky McGee

**Ushers:** Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda, Steve Duerre

**Sacristan:** Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

**Sunday, March 6** Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Don and Mary Ann Shea

**EMHCs:** Janet Andera, Barb Martinek, Mae Davis

**Lectors:** Julie Wilson, Ken Hubka

**Servers:** Claire and James Kach

**Music:** Joe Wacha, Jamie Fisk

**Greeters:** Roger and Elaine Kleve

**Hosts:** Kenny and Jeri Andera

**Ushers:** Cody Kerian, Tom Mullen, Dale Lickteig,

Tony Roberts

**Sacristan:** Janet Andera

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

+Vern Walker

**EMHCs:** Patty Elsbernd, Tom and Connie Frana

**Lectors:** Nita Hackman, Tracy Hart

**Servers:** Hadley and Harper Riehle

**Music:** Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

**Greeters:** Marjette Fitzgerald, Audrey Hyke

**Hosts:** Ken and Nita Hackman

**Ushers:** Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Ben and Drew Jackson

**Sacristan:** Jerry and Wanda Reicks

*Keep my mind and thoughts clear, my speech soft and precise, never offensive; my work always worthy; my faith proud and strong.*

*Join us at Notre Dame for World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, 1:30 p.m.*

### In Memory

Urban and Mickie Drilling Sanctuary Candle

Eldon Bergan Missalettes (March)

### 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
Janice Ries	Beverly Koshatka
Liz Yount	Lavon Hyberger

### Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for **Loretta Vokaty; Joan Carolan; and Zach Stapelkamp**, grandson of Steve and Terry Duerre and nephew of Neal and Lori Stapelkamp. 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.*

### Stewardship of Offering

**Feb. 20, 2022**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,372.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 732.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 410.59

*Ash Wednesday's emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving is an invitation to take a closer look at our stewardship. It is a time to reassess how we are using the gifts God has entrusted to us and to resolve anew to use our time and resources in the service of His Kingdom.*

**Word Among Us Booklets** to be used during Lent are available in the front entrance of the church

**Partner with Catholic Charities** Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Your gift directly impacts families in Northeast Iowa. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Annual Appeal today. Learn more at: <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/annual appeal>



**March Dinner** will be held on Thurs., March 10, serving 4:30—7:00 p.m. Dine in or carryout. Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Homemade Pie or Desserts, Coffee and Milk. All tickets \$12.00. Sponsored by St. Patrick's Circle. *See you there!*

**Bible Study** will begin on Wed., March 9, 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. 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.

**Liturgical ministry schedule** will be compiled soon for April through September. Please contact the parish office if you would like to begin or discontinue a ministry. Questions about a particular ministry, call the parish office. Consider sharing your talents with your parish.

**Knights of Columbus Council #1571 NEWS FLASH!!!**  
The online promotion to join us for free has been extended to June 30, 2022. Visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Questions call 563 581-2239.

**Archdiocesan Synod Survey** Here's your last opportunity to complete the important survey to provide input on the criteria needed to measure parish vitality and viability. This can be done by completing the synod survey you received earlier this month. Please complete this survey no later than **March 1**. You can access the survey, in English, Spanish or French at [www.dbqarch.org/survey](http://www.dbqarch.org/survey) or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up on your phone. Or complete the survey you received at home and mail it to: Survey Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003.



**Mark your calendar** to help make noodles for the Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair on March 11, 12 and 13. Your help will be appreciated!

**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 available in church the weekend of **March 5-6**.

**Healthy Living with Chronic Pain** six week workshop offered by Gundersen Health will be held virtually on Wed., March 30—May 4, noon—2:30 p.m. Cost \$30. Pre register by calling 608 775-6870 or visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well)

**Madison 4-H Annual Soup Supper** Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Madison Lutheran Church, Ridgeway; Chili, Chicken Noodle & Vegetable Beef w/dumplings Serving 4-7 pm Adults: \$10.00 Children 10 & Under \$5.00 Preschool Free


**"The Way in the 21st Century"** by Elizabeth Allen, Director of Affiliation Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. In this book, you'll explore the universal values of reflection, presence, simplicity, humility, peacemaking, stewardship and service. Available on Amazon.com paperback \$7.99; Kindle ebook \$2.99

### 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 Cornerstone catechists and volunteers.*



**Notre Dame School Activity Corner:** Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 2: School Mass at 9:00 a.m. Cornerstone Mass at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to both.

**We welcome Ember Rose Sindelar, daughter of Kyle and Lattie Sindelar** who was baptized on Feb. 19 at Notre Dame. 

**2022 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference** You're invited to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 19, 2022**. It will be held in person at Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids however, we will live-stream it here in the Notre Dame Church Hall. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This conference will be held on the Feast of St. Joseph. The speakers will be Mark Hartfiel, vice-president of Paradisus Dei, and Devin Schadt, founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph men's ministry. Please register by March 14 on parish website or contacting Melanie at [m.vobr@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.vobr@dbqarch.org) \$10 per person.

**Upcoming Mary Retreat** Mark your calendars for an upcoming Mary Retreat being held in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-NOON. The retreat will be hosted by Kristina Mansheim, a Mary Retreat Host from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In this interactive retreat we will learn about the Four Marian Dogmas, approved Marian Apparitions, Marian Art, Marian Devotions, and more. Come to grow deeper in our Catholic understanding of our Spiritual Mother, Mary. This is a FREE event, and you are welcome to invite friends and family who might be interested. Men and women (and children over the age of 10) are invited. Please RSVP to Melanie Vobr at [m.vobr@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.vobr@dbqarch.org)

**Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)** is a 60-90 minute program that offers practical advice on how to aid someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Participants will learn the risk factors of suicide, signs and symptoms, and how to have a conversation with someone who may be experiencing a suicide crisis to help them find appropriate professional help. Workshops will be held on March 15 and March 24. Pick the day that works best for you. Time is 6-7:30 p.m. at the Featherlite Center Pre-registration is required, but this training is free. Please call the Howard County Extension Office at 563-547-3001 to pre-register. Space is limited, so don't delay in registering.

**Fish Fry** at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Parish, Festina, Fri., March 4, 4:00—7:30 p.m. serving Mike Reicks Fried Cod, Potato Salad, Cole-slaw, rolls, bars and beverages. All You Can Eat dine in or carry outs available. Adults \$14 in advance/\$15 at the door. Ages. 6-11 \$7; under 5 free.

**Wellness Day** Friday, March 4, Ossian Community Center 6:30—8:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by Allen Hospital—Unity Point. Cost for women \$30; men \$40. To schedule an appointment call Dietzenbach Financial at 563 562-1048.

### Traditional Lenten Disciplines

**Fasting and Abstinence:** Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

**Prayer:** Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with the Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

**Almsgiving:** Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more on God's abundant grace.

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