

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



Rev. Jacob Rouse Pastor

Notre Dame Church
223 2nd Ave. E.

Parish Office:
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
116 East Third Street
Phone: 563 547-3565
Fax: 563 547-3835
Hall: 563 547-4652

Parish Website:
notredamecresco.com

Jodi Dull, Business Manager
Connie Frana, Office Manager
Melanie Vobr,
Coordinator of Faith Formation
LeRoy Webb, Pastoral Minister
Katie Schmitt, Principal
563 547-4513

School Website:
www.ndcschool.weebly.com

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: 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.

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

This year as we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week, we hear the gospel narrative from Luke. We are accustomed these days to hear of those who put a “spin” on events. This is just a way of saying that as events unfold people interpret them. Granted, that interpretation usually serves the purposes of the “spin doctors.” But has not this usually been the case as people interpret historical happenings?

It is a little crude to say that St. Luke was a “spin doctor” in interpreting the events of the life of Jesus, and especially the last several days of his life. But, Luke’s account of the passion, while in basic accord with the other three gospel writers, has its own “spin” on it. Luke presents Jesus as an on-going teacher; and a very compassionate one, even in the midst of the swirl of events in Jesus’ last two days. For example, on the way to Calvary he stops and instructs some weeping women along the way. In Luke, the 12 apostles and other friends of Jesus are not seen in as harsh a light as in Mark; i.e. “all his friends” were standing around the cross rather than having fled away. Jesus actively extends forgiveness to his persecutors and to a fellow crucified one next to him, as Luke records the events.

In other words, Luke makes a deliberate effort to portray Jesus in his final hours as teacher, and as a humble and compassionate servant of God even in harsh adversity. This kind of modeling of our Savior is given for us by Luke to reflect upon and to follow suit as best we can with the help of God’s grace.

Next week’s readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

In all things, and even in trial, bless the Lord.

Monday, April 11– No Mass. Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, April 12–Mass in church and livestreamed
No Mass. Fr. Jacob will be attending the Chrism Mass.

Wednesday, April 13–Mass in church and livestreamed
8:00 a.m. +Esther Heit

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

10:30 a.m. Mass at Country Winds +Juanita Grimm

Thursday, April 14 Mass in church and livestreamed

7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday +Adrian and Betty Schatz

EMHCs: Jill McConnell, Duane Heit, Mary Larson

Lector: Duane Heit, Mary Larson

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman

Hosts: Kenny and Jeri Andera

Ushers: Dick Jones, Art Schwarzhoff, Dale Lickteig
Tom Mullen

Sacristan: Jill McConnell

Friday, April 15 Mass in church and livestreamed

1:00 p.m. Good Friday

EMHCs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Jodi Dull

Lectors: Terry Duerre, Julie Wilson

Servers: Mason Regan, Carly Kapler

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Bart and Julie Wilson

Ushers: Bart and Julie Wilson, Steve Duerre, Tony Roberts

Sacristan: Frank and Donna Ryant

Saturday, April 16 Mass in church and livestreamed

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil +Al and Emma Myer

EMHCs: Jerry O'Donnell, Marlene Quinn, Becky McGee

Lectors: Marlene Quinn, Jerry O'Donnell

Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: David and Elaine Bergan

Hosts: Bryan and Denise Sheehy

Ushers: Bryan Sheehy, Cody Kerian, Warren Steffen
Ken Hubka

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Sunday, April 17 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday +Dell and Monica Reicks

EMHCs: Barb Martinek, Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Lectors: Emily and Ethan Govern

Servers: Jordyn and Julianne Fisk

Music: Katie Ferrie, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Hosts: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Ushers: Marvin Lensing, Nick, Ava, Audrey Ferrie

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

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

+Dec'd members of Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach Family

EMHCs: Jessica Kapler, Tracy Hart, Michelle Midthus

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Brian and Jill McConnell

Hosts: Mark Kapler Family

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

Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

Judas rejected Jesus. Pray for perseverance to stay close to Jesus always.

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Sanctuary Candle

Tieskotter Family Altar Bread and Wine

Chuck and Tillie DeWalle Missalettes (April)

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
Paula Growden	Debbie Wolf Wilkens
Randy Smith	Pat Smith
Janice Ries	Beverly Koshatka
Liz Yount	Lavon Hyberger
Craig Church	Gladie Church
Tom Kleve	Ann Burgess
Thom Mahr	

Our sympathy. . .

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Francis Hyke and Pat Reicks. 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: 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

April 3, 2022

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 9,210.83
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 677.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 455.00

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the donkey had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Plan to spend time in adoration/prayer following Holy Thursday Mass with the recitation of the Rosary by the Knights of Columbus, April 14. Everyone welcome.

Liturgical ministry schedule for April through September is available on the parish website. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the parish office. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with your Notre Dame Parish family.

Wee Families will meet on Sun., April 10, 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. This will be the last session till fall.

Into the Deep will meet on Sun., April 10, 7:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church. "Into the Deep—If God is good, why is there evil in the world?" This will be the last session till fall.

Finance Council will meet on Tues., April 12, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., April 13, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Catherine's Spring Dinner. If you are a member of St. Catherine's Circle and have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 **May 7-8**.

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 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.

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 using promo code MCGIVNEY 2020. Questions call 563 581-2239.

Easter Flowers Donations are being accepted for Easter Flowers. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with your name and the name(s) of those you would like to be remembered. Thank you!

2022 Baccalaureate The Committee is planning Baccalaureate for the Notre Dame parish senior class. If you are graduating this year but do not attend Crestwood High School, please contact the parish office for more information on Baccalaureate.

I Don't Fit the Mold A community Mental Health Night. May 4, 6:15—7:30 p.m. Notre Dame Parish. Join us for a free community wide mental health event where we will hear from at-risk youth expert and storyteller, John Paul Derryberry.

March for Life Join us in collecting NEW diapers and wipes (any size and brand) as well as feminine hygiene products (any brand). All donations will go to help people in our local area and state. You can drop off donations in the pack-n-play) in the front entrance of the church until April 24. Cash donations also welcome. Check out the March for Life Facebook event page for event updates.

Cresco Area Blood Drive April 14, 12:00—5:30 p.m., VFW. To schedule: call Pat at 563 547-5839 or call 800 733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Cresco. Appointments preferred.

Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington would like to invite everyone to their Annual Swiss Steak Drive Thru Dinner. Sunday, April 10, serving 11 am -1 p.m. Tickets \$15 Adults and \$8 kids 10 & under. Tickets are available the day of the dinner.

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 Circles of Faith officers.



Notre Dame School Activity Corner: Notre Dame students in grades Preschool -Sixth Grade participated in "March Reading Madness at Notre Dame". Thank you for all your encouragement and support during our March Reading Madness. Hopefully the students have started a good routine and they will continue to read.

Congratulations to Amy Sorenson who received Confirmation and First Communion on April 3.

Congratulations to Harold and Marcie Huhe on their **50th** wedding anniversary on April 7.

Franciscan Common Venture (FCV) service program, sponsored by the Dubuque Franciscan sisters. Those interested in any of the following can contact Sr. Shell via email (balekm@osfdbq.org) or 563-583-9786 for more information and application materials. **BUSBY, MT** The Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT is on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and bordering the Crow Indian Reservation. The Center needs volunteers the beginning of June or mid-August through October. The types of service needed include, but are not limited to: Outside: painting, gardening, cleaning, weeding; Inside: quilting, sewing, binding quilts, cleaning and organizing. Cost: \$150/person. Due date to apply: May 5th. **WATERLOO, IA** Another area in need of a FCV team of 4-5 persons is with the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House in Waterloo, IA. Tentative dates are June 5-11. Service needs are varied and may include: the community meal, deep cleaning, painting, organizing the library, gardening, as well as service in the broader Waterloo community. Cost: \$75/person. Due date to apply: May 2nd.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38

In today's Liturgy, we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death? The answer is that the Father willed it. This is so very important to understand.

At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week embracing the suffering and rejection He received, choosing it as His own will. Why would He do such a thing? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same.

Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.

My crucified Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me.

May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.

VALLEY STORAGE
 563-547-5238 507-273-4158
 We Store Everything
 RV, Trailers, Household, Autos
 9314 Valley Avenue - Cresco
 NE Iowa's Largest RV Storage Facility

Cresco Bank
 A DIVISION OF DECORAH BANK & TRUST CO.
 126 Second Ave SE • Cresco, Iowa 52136
 563.547.2244 • CrescoBank.com

ERICKSON PROCHASKA INC.
 REALTORS
 PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE SERVICE
 www.epcresco.com
 121 N. Elm, Cresco, IA • 563-547-3700

CUSB BANK
 Established 1888
 www.cusb.com

PINTERS GARDENS & PUMPKINS
 Shane & Elisa Pinter
 2475 State Hwy. 9
 Decora, IA 52101
 Phone 563-382-0010 Fax (563) 382-0011
 pinterlandscaping@netel.net
 www.pintersgardensandpumpkins.com
 GARDEN CENTER - BAKERY - PUMPKIN PATCH
 LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

McAllister Catering
 563-380-3146

FPI
 FENCO PRODUCTS INC.
 CRESCO, IOWA
 563-547-3812

RUPPERT ACE Hardware
 Your locally owned Hardware store
 Rhonda & Nick Ruppert, owners
 563-547-2936 • Hwy. 9 Cresco, IA
 Open Mon-Fri 7:30-5:00; Sat 7:30-5:00; Sun 10:00-3:00
 www.acehardware.com
 Shop 24/7 Have delivered to store

Billmyer FURNITURE FLOORING & More!
 Cresco, Iowa
 Mon-Thurs 9-5; Fri 9-7; Sat 9-1;
 and private appointments
 563-547-3901 or 563-203-0675
 www.billmyerfurniture.com

Ameriprise Financial
 Aaron Hvitved, APMA®, CLTC®
 Hvitved & Associates
 126 2nd Ave SE, Ste. 200, Cresco, IA 52136
 563-547-5340 1-800-894-0523

Doug Reicks TRUCKING LLC
 CRESCO, IA

THANK YOU!
 We Appreciate Your Business!
BOB'S ELECTRIC
 PHONE (563) 547-2967

To Get The Most Out Of Your Advertising
 Dollar... Call 563-547-2025
THE SHOPPER
 RIGHT BY THE STOPLIGHTS
 116 2ND AVENUE S.E. - CRESCO, IOWA
 PEGGY & JOHN LOVELESS, CO-PUBLISHERS

State Farm
 Don Dietzenbach RICP®
 (563) 547-2720
 www.dondietzenbach.com

DR. DONALD W. FOLEY CHIROPRACTOR
 127 2nd Ave. West
 Cresco, Iowa 52136
 563-547-5250

AW LONG JOHN SILVERS
 ALL AMERICAN FOOD
 Hwy. 9 West • Cresco, IA 52136
 563-547-3112

St Joseph Caskets
 Made from St. Joseph Church Pewes
 Call Ed 563-203-0902

CIA INSURANCE
 For Your Insurance Needs
 Cresco Lime Springs Osage
 (563) 547-2382 (563) 566-2621 (641) 732-6611
 www.ciains.com

H & S MOTORS
 563-547-2401
 HWY. 9 WEST - CRESCO, IOWA
 ✓ CHEVROLET ✓ BUICK
 Brent Hollen & Bryan Sheehy, Partners

Cresco Chiropractic Clinic
 Dr. John P. Gehling,
 Dr. Joshua Lichty & Dr. Arthur Brennan
 563-547-3553
 407 7th St. SW, Cresco

Hindt-Hudek FUNERAL HOMES
 James E. Hindt
 Katie N. Hudek
 563-547-3501
 www.hindthudekfuneralhomes.com

RICK'S REPAIR
 130 2nd St. W. Cresco, Iowa 52136
 563-547-3799
 Rick Wangen
 Owner
 Complete Auto Repair

BURKE REAL ESTATE & BURKE AUCTION SERVICE
 124 N. Elm • Cresco, Iowa
 563-547-2554
 WEBSITE: www.burkecresco.com

Grube Construction Grube's Lawn & Garden
 Cresco, Iowa
 563-547-4835
 or 563-547-3920

Upper Iowa Communications
 You can afford to talk with us.
 Cresco, Iowa
 Dave Neubauer 563-547-4404
 Ray Reicks 563-547-4686

Roger Kleve Seed
Kruger The Best of Both Worlds
Legend
 563-547-3289

GOSCH'S HEATING & PUMP SERVICE
 563-547-4392

Riehle Decorating, Co.
 "Specialists in Exquisite Church Decoration"
 RON 563-203-2445
 DENNIS 563-203-1910
 JERRY 563-547-3753

Channel
 Seedsmanship At Work
Randy Swestka
 563-203-1717

MUDSLINGERS CONSTRUCTION
 Drew Zahasky 563-379-6709
 Specializing in Concrete: Flat Foundations, ICF, Decorative, Curb, Overlays and More

Camp Site RV
 Hwy. 9 West Cresco, Iowa
 CAMPER SALES AND SERVICE
 "Your Recreation Starts Here"
 1-800-556-0266
 PH. 563-547-5100
 www.campsiterv.com FAX 563-547-2500

SUE-Z-Q's
 Melissa & Aaron Schatz
 Call 563-547-5992
 Hwy. 9 East • Cresco, Iowa
 OPEN 5:30 am 7 Days a Week!

•SALES •RENTAL •SERVICE
 •SALT DELIVERY
 •BOTTLED WATER
Kerian's Culligan
 563-547-4014 culligan.com

TARZAN TREE SERVICE, LLC
 Zach Steinmetz • Kevin Neuzl • Steve Hubko
 507-273-6081 563-203-0215 563-547-1753
 Trimming Stump Grinding Fom Removal Residential Lot Cleaning

SINCE 1856
HOWARD COUNTY ABSTRACT & TITLE CO.
 We put CRESCO on the map.
 115 South Park Place, Cresco, IA 52136
 563-547-4944

SIGNS and Designs
 Patty Schrage, Owner
 Call: 563-547-4476
 Hwy. 9 West • Cresco
 Large Format Printing, Business Signs, Vinyl Graphics and More

QUENTIN J. VSETECKA
 ROD VSETECKA
 RYAN P. MANSKE
Cresco Motor Company
 Late Model Used Cars and Trucks
 22382 Hwy. 9 West Cresco, Iowa 52136
 Business Phone 563-547-5336
 1-800-547-5336

DOUGH & JOE
 Tues-Fri 7am-5pm
 Sat 7am-1pm
 114 North Elm
 Cresco, IA 52136
 Bakery & Coffee House
 563-547-2811

PLANTPEDDLER
 The Company Growing for You
 Flowers, Plants, Weddings, Gifts, Special Occasions
 530 2nd Ave. SW • Cresco, IA 52136
 563-547-2361

FISK FARM & HOME
 More than a Hardware Store!
 CRESCO, IOWA • 563-547-2492
 HRS: Mon.-Fri. 7:30-5:30; Sat. 7:30-5:00; Sundays 10:00-2:00

CRESCO BUILDING SERVICE INC.
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR
 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
 521 2nd Avenue SW • P.O. Box 88
 Cresco, Iowa 52136
 Phone 563-547-2525 Fax 563-547-2256
 E-mail: cbs@lowatelecom.net
 Website: www.crescobuildingservice.com

Henry's
 patches & prints
 212 North Elm Street, Cresco, IA 52136
 563-547-1230
 FOR ALL OF YOUR EMBROIDERY AND SCREENPRINTING NEEDS
 WE ALSO HAVE SPORTSWEAR

Evans
 memorial home
 kind • compassionate • care
 563-547-2364

CRESCO
 563-547-2877

Reicks Monument & Stone
 563-569-8447

WINSURANCE & AGENCY, INC.
 Kelly O'Donnell
 V & V Insurance Agency, Inc.
 PO Box 159 Cresco, IA 52136
 Ph: (563) 547-2161
 http://www.vandvins.com

Council #1571
K of C
 To Join or for more information call
 563-203-0846

ALUM-LINE
 Bringing you the best in All Aluminum Trailers, Truck Bodies and Tool Boxes
 Alumline.com
 Cresco, IA
 563-547-3247 or 800-446-1407

MEHMERT TILING INC
 TILING, BACKHOE & DOZER WORK, ROCK & FILL
 641-985-4076 563-547-5115

LINDSTROM FUNERAL HOMES