

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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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: dbqrhouse@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 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

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

We celebrate this great feast not simply because of what happened to Jesus Christ: "They killed him finally, 'hanging him on a tree,' only to have God raise him up on the third day. . ." This is cause enough for rejoicing and singing Alleluias.

But we celebrate this feast because of what happens to us as well: we who believe in Jesus, and are baptized into him live a new life: "After all you have died! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God." Paul says in another place, "we are a new creation!"

It's true that we may not feel new on Easter morning. We may feel like the same old self that gets up every morning—only more tired than ever. And Easter day promises to be fuller than most days. (Groan!)

But Easter is not merely about feelings—positive or negative. It is about what happens at the depths of our beings—at that level where we are touched by God with new life and forgiveness and Spirit, and at that level where we touch God with joy and gratitude and praise. These levels may or may not have a lot to do with colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and Easter finery—important as these are for the feast.

Of real importance is that we live anew with and in the newly risen Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Alleluia! God's rainbow shines in the sky promising salvation for all. Alleluia!

Monday, April 18— No Mass. Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, April 19—Mass in church and livestreamed
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Thomas Duerre; Tom and Edith Duerre
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, April 20—Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Jerome Heit

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Thursday, April 21 Mass in church and livestreamed

9:00 a.m. +Francis and Bernadette Nosbisch

Sacristan: Joyce Jirak

2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +George Sobolik

Friday, April 22 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Living and Dec'd members of Don Shea Family

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, April 23 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Orvie and Fran Herold; Randy Bacchus III;
and Zach Stapelkamp

EMHCs: Duane Heit, Marlene Ferrie, Marcie Huhe

Lector: Duane Heit

Servers: Caleb and Dawson Holzer

Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

Greeters: Rita Shea, Grace Lienhard

Hosts: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Ushers: Melvin Sobolik, Gretchen Laub, Carver Munkel
Jim Murphy

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, April 24 Mass in church and livestreamed

8:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe; Frank Schulte

EMHCs: Janet Andera, Jim Truka, Patti Guyer

Lectors: Jim Truka

Servers: Mason Regan, Cali Schwickerath

Music: Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Sheila Grabau, Betty Hebrink

Hosts: Jim and Lori Truka

Ushers: Jordan Guyer, Quentin and Darlene Vsetecka

Sacristan: Janet Andera

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

+Dell and Monica Reicks

EMHCs: Jerry O'Donnell, Tom Kleve, Sue Runyan

Lectors: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Servers: Addison Bohr, Madelyn Opprieht

Music: Pam Daley, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Matt Daley Family, Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Divine Mercy Sunday: Join us for Ice Cream Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in the hall and Divine Mercy Prayer Service at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Jesus is raised to die no more. Let us rejoice and live for God in Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.**

In Memory

Frank McConnell Sanctuary Candle

Jim Kuennen Altar Bread

Greg and Hilda Gehling Altar 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 **Phyllis Pitz**. Eternal rest grant unto her, 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 10, 2022

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 6,672.50
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 677.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 584.00

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth." We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

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.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Mon., April 18, 5:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., April 19, 7:00 p.m. KC Room.

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.

Notre Dame Pastoral Council and Catholic School Board Elections will be held on May 15. If you would like to run for either of these, please contact the parish office by April 27

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.

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 to hear from at-risk youth expert and storyteller, John Paul Derryberry.

The Meals on Wheels Volunteer Appreciation will be held April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Kessel Lodge—not at the Senior Center on Main Street as stated on the invitations.

Cresco Community Blood Drive April 27, 12:00—5:30 p.m., VFW. To schedule: text lifeserve 999-777; call 800 287-4903 or go to www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Baptism Class: If you are preparing to have your child baptized and have not attended a Baptism Class in the past three years, you need to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism takes place. Please note this class is offered 4 times a year. The next class will be held on **Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.**, Notre Dame Church. Please call the parish office to register, 563 547-3565.

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.

Kentucky Derby Running for the Roses 12th Annual Prom Night for Persons with Disabilities for individuals from Winneshiek, Fayette, Allamakee, Clayton, Howard and Chickasaw counties ages 16 and older. Sat., May 7, Inwood Ballroom, Spillville. A free night of food, dancing, games and prizes. Doors open 5:00 p.m. Dinner, dancing and games to follow. RSVP to attend by April 30 by email: info@inwoodballroom.com or call Ruth Kuhn 563 419-1905

VFW Breakfast Sun., April 24, VFW Hall, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Freewill offering. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage

Salad Luncheon Thurs., April 21, St. Benedict Hall, Decorah, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters Regina Mundi #1737. Carryouts also available.

Pillow Cleaning April 28, 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Cresco. Drop off Wed. evening, April 27. For Sale: Custom made new pillows and down comforters.

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 help serve meals for funerals.



Notre Dame School Activity Corner: March Reading Madness at Notre Dame: Our total for the month of March is 243,061 minutes. Our students did very well and hopefully will continue to enjoy reading through the summer. Thank you to everyone for supporting our students and our school, we appreciate it very much!

Franciscan Common Venture (FCV) service program, sponsored by the Dubuque Franciscan sisters. For more information, contact Sr. Shell via email (balekm@osfdbq.org) or 563-583-9786 and/or application materials. **BUSBY, MT** The Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT is located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and bordering the Crow Indian Reservation. The Center especially needs volunteers the beginning of June or in the fall: 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.

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women also known as ACCW. (ACCW) is part of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), founded by the U.S. Bishops in 1920. You might be asking what is ACCW and how does it affect us and our community? ACCW supports, empowers, and educates Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. ACCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. Their goals align with the Archdiocesan Mission Priorities. All women of the archdiocese belong to ACCW, it's up to you if you pay the yearly dues of \$10. Five dollars goes towards newsletter, The Link, which is a quarterly publication. There should be an envelope in your contribution envelopes for the dues. If not, you may send a check, payable to ACCW to: Lisa Hemesath, ACCW Treasurer, 1116 240th St., State Center, IA 50247. The Decorah Deanery of ACCW holds quarterly meetings. The remaining meetings scheduled this year are June 21; September 20; and December 6. Here are a few upcoming events we hope will encourage you to join us. A March for Life organized by St. Al's of Calmar youth, held in Decorah on April 30. The annual meeting of ACCW will be in October at Divine Word Seminary, in Peosta. The National Council of Catholic Women will be Nov. 2-5 in Minneapolis. For further information about your ACCW, go to the website: <https://dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women>, or contact Julie Vulk at javulk@yahoo.com, Deanery Pres.

**An Easter Prayer
Break Open the Tomb**

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father,
break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.

Help me to roll away this stone

and find the miracle of new life

that I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen.

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