

# Notre Dame Parish

Cresco, Iowa

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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 **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.

*May 1, 2022*

## *Third Sunday of Easter*

*Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19*

There is much concern in the Church these days about a term called "evangelization." In one way it can simply refer to the task of "preaching the gospel." In another way, some take it to mean the task of the Church to engage in missionary work—to bring the gospel to those who haven't heard it before. Many theologians and pastors say the major task of evangelization is to "preach the gospel" to the Church itself in a new and fresh way: countless baptized and confirmed Christians don't practice their faith much at all.

And then there is further debate on who is to do this task of evangelizing? The pope and bishops? The priests? Or the whole Church—all those baptized and confirmed into Jesus and His Spirit?

We see in the first reading today all the Apostles actively engaged in preaching the good news (and suffering for it). And the Lord's appearance on the shore of Lake Tibereas on the morning a number of disciples were fishing is taken as a strong symbolic message: the apostles are supposed to be fishing (for people) and the Lord will help them make a great catch (to the point of nearly breaking the net).

The early decades of preaching the gospel were very successful. Now the Church is established on all seven continents. Sometimes too established. Sometimes it is locked into typical establishment attitudes: complacency, satisfaction, lack of zeal and freshness and energy.

What is happening in the Church is a rude awakening: numbers of baptized Christians are unchurched. There is a call to revitalize the faith. And the task will have to be carried out at all levels of Church personnel. We will need a bountiful supply of the Risen Lord's Spirit of life and zeal and apostolic witness.

*Next week's readings:*

*Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:17-30*

Alleluia! Our aim is to bring people closer to God. Alleluia!

**Monday, May 2**— No Mass. Pray for vocations.

**Tuesday, May 3**—Mass in church and livestreamed

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

**5:15 p.m.** +Gerald Nehl

**Sacristan:** Janet Andera

**Wednesday, May 4**—Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Dolores Hayek

**Sacristan:** Jed and Joyce Becker

**Thursday, May 5** Mass in church and livestreamed

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

**Sacristan:** Jessica Kapler

**Friday, May 6** Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Joan Howard Murray Smith

**Sacristan:** Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

**Saturday, May 7** Mass in church and livestreamed

**11:00 a.m.** Funeral for Joan Howard Murray Smith

Visitation at 10:00 a.m. in the church

**4:00 p.m.** +Joe and Peggy Rouchka

**EMHCs:** Lynn Murray, Jim and Anne Ott

**Lector:** Marlene Quinn

**Servers:** Ava Barry, Leah Henkes

**Music:** Dee Hosek, Mary Larson

**Greeters:** Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

**Hosts:** Jim and Anne Ott

**Ushers:** Bryan Sheehy, Dave and Robin Sobolik,  
Steve Duerre

**Sacristan:** Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

**Sunday, May 8** Mass in church and livestreamed

**8:00 a.m.** +Dell and Monica Reicks

**EMHCs:** Mae Davis, Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak

**Lectors:** Roger Kleve, Carol Foley

**Servers:** Garrett Vobr, Raelyn Fortney

**Music:** Pam Daley, Deb Moellers

**Greeters:** Mae Davis, Janet Andera

**Hosts:** Dale and Lynette Andera

**Ushers:** Dale and Lynette Andera, Joe and Julie Haskovec

**Sacristan:** Marvin Lensing

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

+Don and Mary Ann Shea

*Baccalaureate*

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

**Sacristan:** Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Baccalaureate will be held at Notre Dame on Sun., May 8,  
10:00 mass. If you are not involved with this celebration,  
please consider attending another mass that weekend.

*Make every effort to walk in the presence of God and to see  
God in everyone you meet throughout the day. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

**May and June Calendars** are available on the parish  
website.

### In Memory

Clair Svestka

Altar Bread

Dell and Monica Reicks

Missalettes (May)

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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

JoDene Van Dyke

Arlene Kuennen

Joyce Kapler

Don Neubauer

Bill Smith

Deanne Webb

Steve Slifka

Marilyn Novak

Marian Wiltgen

Magnus Forland

Debbie Wolf Wilkens

Paula Growden

Pat Smith

Randy Smith

Beverly Koshatka

Janice Ries

Lavon Hyberger

Liz Yount

Ann Burgess

Craig Church

Gladie Church

Tom Kleve

Art Kuhn

Thom Mahr

Dave Wilgenbusch

Alice Zubrod

### Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of  
**John Schmauss; and Debra Winsell.** 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 permis-  
sion 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 of-  
fice. **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.*

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### Stewardship of Offering

**April 24, 2022**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income  
Needed each week: \$10,817.00  
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 3,829.00  
Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 5,954.00  
Last week's offertory income: \$ 550.50  
Easter: \$ 7,825.00

*In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If  
you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us.  
"If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your  
brothers and sisters."*

**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.

**Congratulations to our First Communion Class:**

Jace Andera	Brynn Brannon	Oaklee Burke
Cash Courtney	Preston Daley	Luther Govern
Olivia Hollenbeck	Joseph Houdek	Emma Hovey
Easton Johnson	Jaelynn Johnson	Journey Johnson
Daniel Kapler	Jaxson Kuhn	Brooks Manske
Samuel Meyer	Cate Murphy	Macie Murphy
Lucas Shimek		

**Join us for the Easter Series** beginning on Sun., May 1 and continuing on May 8, 15 and 22, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church. Theme for May 1: Covid-19 and the Eucharist: Jesus promises to be with us through the storms in our lives and within the calm as well. In this talk we learn to rest with Jesus on the boat of life. Everyone is welcome!

**Sewing Circle** will meet on Monday, May 2, 2:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church Hall.

**Baptism Class:** If you are expecting a baby or 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. Please plan accordingly to attend a class before the date you wish to celebrate the sacrament. 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.

**Ministers of Care Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 3, 4:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

**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.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** will meet on Thurs., May 5, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

**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.

**March for Life** A big Thank You to everyone who donated diapers, etc. to help people in our local area.

**A big Thank You** to all our advertisers listed on the back of the bulletin for their generous support. Please show your appreciation by patronizing these businesses.

**Mobile Food Pantry** Tuesday, May 3, 5:00—6:30 p.m. Featherlite Bldg—Howard County Fairgrounds. For more information contact NEIFB at 319 235-0507 or Cindy at 719 237-6102 or 563 547-2108. Sponsored by Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

**Msgr. Cletus Hawes** has something to celebrate! Msgr. will be 95, and a priest 70 years this May 1. Congratulate him with a card and send to 2423 Wexford Hollow Dr., Lansing IA 52151

**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 lead the Rosary.*



**Notre Dame School Activity Corner:** Notre Dame Preschool still has a few openings. Please contact the school office 563-547-4513 for more information.

**We welcome Lincoln Harold Sajdak**, son of Brandon and Kirsten Sajdak, who was baptized at Notre Dame on April 23.



**Rosary Program** - Our Lady (*Notre Dame*) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. The rosary is so powerful, and carries with it so many graces. Continue to tally the number of rosaries prayed on any piece of paper and drop the results in the collection basket as part of your offering. Monthly totals will be published in the bulletin. Rosaries, along with instructions on how to pray the rosary, and tally slips can be found in the News and Literature stand in the church entry. **Rosaries prayed in April: 320.** *Notre Dame, pray for us.*

**Our Lady of Fatima's Pilgrim Virgin Statue** You are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. at Norbert and Mary Gansen's home at 318 10th Ave. SE, Cresco. We will be hosting the America Needs Fatima's life-like statue of Our Lady of Fatima. For more information, call 563 547-5495. The Marian program features an inspiring audio-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions, followed by a group Rosary.



**ArchdioceseOne** On September 29, 2019, Archbishop Jackels announced the start of a special appeal, called **ArchdioceseOne**. In March of 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to pause active fundraising for ArchdioceseOne. On May 7-8 our parish will begin ArchdioceseOne. Look for upcoming mailings from the Archbishop and bulletin inserts and announcements!

**Northeast Iowa Pro-Lifers** will have a meeting Tuesday, May 3, 10:15am at St. Benedict Parish, Decorah, in the Parish Hall.

**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.

**Decorah Chorale presents "On Our Way"** The Decorah Chorale will present a spring concert Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church. The concert program, titled "On Our Way" The Decorah Chorale is an adult mixed choral ensemble with members from Decorah and six surrounding Iowa and Minnesota communities.

**Healthy Living with Diabetes** A 6 week virtual workshop provided by Gundersen Health System May 9—June 20, noon to 2:30 p.m. \$30. Pre-register by calling 608 775-6870 or visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program for couples who want to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Find out how by attending one of these upcoming experiences Sept 9-11th Dubuque; Nov 18-20th Holstein. For more information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

**May is the Month of Mary**

**Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!  
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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