

# 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**  
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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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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 **Aug. 1, 2022**, 7:00 p.m. (Note date is subject to change).

**Reconciliation** Contact the parish office 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.

**July 31, 2022**

## ***The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21*

There is a commonly held notion that Christ teaches that "money/wealth is the root of all evil." This is a mistaken notion. Jesus Christ does not teach this; nor does his apostle Paul—from whose epistles this oft misquoted line is taken.

Jesus does have some sayings about wealth. We have one of them today: "Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy but his possessions do not guarantee him life." Actually this is two sayings, the one flowing out of the other. It seems Jesus is aware that the greedy person who also has wealth (not all greedy persons do so) may be inclined to think s/he has life. We would say today "the good life." Jesus says such a person is badly mistaken, and goes on to illustrate the mistake with a little story about a rich man suddenly called to death. His riches are of no use whatever in the presence of the Grim Reaper.

Real riches are counted by how well we live with God and one another. This is true life. St. Paul himself says it in the second lesson: "Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory." Christ is life, he gives true life—life that even death cannot take away.

*Next week's readings:*

*Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48*

*Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.*

**Monday, Aug. 1 No Mass**

Pray for vocations.

**Tuesday, Aug. 2-Mass**

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

**5:15 p.m.** +Annette Polashek

**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros

**Wednesday, Aug. 3 Mass**

**8:00 a.m.** +Zach Stapelkamp

**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros

**Thursday, Aug. 4 Mass**

**9:00 a.m.** +George Sobolik

**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros

**Friday, Aug. 5 Mass**

**8:00 a.m.** +Francis Hyke

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

**Saturday, Aug. 6 Mass in church and livestreamed**

**4:00 p.m.** +Al and Emma Myer

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

**Lector:** Cheryl Brannon

**Servers:** Ava Barry, Brynlie Hvitved

**Music:** Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

**Greeters:** Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

**Hosts:** Steve and Terry Duerre

**Ushers:** Steve Duerre, Ray Schwarzhoff, Gretchen Laub  
Carver Munkel

**Sacristan:** Terry Duerre

**Sunday, Aug. 7 Mass**

**8:00 a.m.** +Leland and Evelyn Truka

**EMHCs:** Frank and Donna Ryant, Julie Wilson

**Lectors:** Julie Wilson, Connie Sindelar

**Servers:** Carley Miller, Garrett Vobr

**Music:** Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

**Greeters:** Bart and Julie Wilson

**Hosts:** Bart and Julie Wilson

**Ushers:** Tony Roberts, Art Schwarzhoff, Dick Jones  
Cody Kerian

**Sacristan:** Frank and Donna Ryant

**10:00 a.m. Mass** +Andy and Bernadine Tieskotter;  
Richard and David

**EMHCs:** Patty Elsbernd, Sue Runyan, Jerry O'Donnell

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

**Servers:** Preston Daley

**Music:** Pam Daley, Polly Jones

**Greeters:** Marjette Fitzgerald, Audrey Hyke

**Hosts:** Brad and Jodi Dull

**Ushers:** Brad and Jodi Dull, Matt Daley Family

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

*Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.*

*\*Note: Daily and 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday masses will no longer be livestreamed. 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass will be livestreamed on: <https://tinyurl.com/ndcresco> Or by going to the parish website and clicking on the YouTube icon. You may access the 4:00 p.m. mass on Sunday and during the week.*

### In Memory

Marlene Wemark

Altar Bread

Don and Joan Carolan

Missalettes

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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  
Makiah Pierce  
Dorothy Barnes  
Arlene Kuennen  
Don Neubauer  
Deanne Webb  
Marilyn Novak  
Magnus Forland  
Paula Growden  
Randy Smith  
Janice Ries  
Liz Yount  
Craig Church  
Tom Kleve  
Roger Kleve  
Marilyn Balk

Dianne Kovarik  
Dean Dietzenbach  
JoDene Van Dyke  
Joyce Kapler  
Bill Smith  
Ann Burgess  
Marian Wiltgen  
Thom Mahr  
Pat Smith  
Beverly Koshatka  
Lavon Hyberger  
Brenda Anding  
Gladie Church  
Art Kuhn  
Frances Kovarik Langham

*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

July 24, 2022

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3987.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 672.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 600.50

*Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to do something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to listen to Jesus and then act!*

**Table of Plenty** is available. You may bring your extra produce to share to the front entrance of the church on Saturdays after 3:00 p.m. through Sunday morning, 10:00 a.m. All produce left after 10:00 mass on Sunday will be donated to the local food pantry. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations are given to the local food pantry.

**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.

**Totus Tuus** was held at Notre Dame **July 24-29**. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped. It was a great week!

**Notre Dame Parish Pictorial Directory!** Our parish will be doing a new pictorial church directory. Our dates for photography are **Aug. 2-6** and **Aug. 16-20**. If you would like to schedule your family photography session, go online to **www.ucdir.com**, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ia164** in the church code field and enter **photos** in the church password field; or contact the parish office to sign up. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. Please schedule your appointment as soon as possible. We encourage all parishioners to have their picture taken at the church. Submitted pictures will be accepted; however, there will be a \$15.00 charge for each submitted picture; and if a professional picture, a release from the photographer is required. Parishioners submitting a picture will receive a free directory. If you are a resident of Assisted Living or a local nursing home and are unable to come to the church for your picture, we will set up a time to come to the facility to take your picture. The \$15 charge will be waived for residents of the facilities. We are planning to do a military page—if you have a family member in active duty and would like to include their picture, please drop it off at the parish office. *Plan to be a part of this new parish directory!*

**2016 Notre Dame Parish Pictorial Directories** are available in the front entrance of the church until gone. Please take one if you would like. The new 2022 directory will be coming out this fall. If you have not signed up to have your picture taken for the new directory—please do so as soon as possible.

**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 **August 1, 7:00 p.m.**, Notre Dame Church. Please call the parish office to register, 563 547-3565.

**Liturgy Committee** will meet on Thurs., Aug. 4, 3:30 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 and will be available the weekend of Aug. 6-7.

**Knights of Columbus Council #1571 "NEWS FLASH"!!** The emembership online promotion to join us for free the first year is going to continue. Visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) using promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY Questions, call 563 581-2239.

**Wanted:** A used wash machine and dryer. Please contact parish office if you have to donate. Thanks!

### 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 Song Leaders.*

**We welcome Charles Ryan Kreitzer**, son of Ryan and McKayla Kreitzer; and **Bodie Rainey Moellers**, son of Arley and Kaitlyn Moellers, who were both baptized at Notre Dame on July 24.



**Bible Buddy Adoption Center** will be open **July 30 and 31** only in the back of church before each Mass. Children ages 5-10 are able to choose a bible buddy; sign up on the registration form; take home your buddy, adoption papers and bible buddy reading plan; at home snuggle your buddy every day and feed it with God's Word. Prizes will be awarded for feeding your Bible Buddy and parents of the children participating will be entered into a drawing for Scrip cards.

**Tables:** New tables have been purchased for Notre Dame Church Hall. We have the old tables for sale for \$25 each. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Lidtk Mill Bingo** Monday nights 6:30—9:30 Family Fun & fitness, Lime Springs. Food available to purchase.

**Lidtk Mill Bingo Gone Wild** Friday, Aug. 5 6:30—8:30 (last one for awhile). Bingo with a twist. Food available for purchase.

**Sweet Corn Days Bingo** Fri., Aug. 12, 4—8:00 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 13, 1—5:00 p.m.; Sun., Aug. 14, 2:30—5:00 p.m. Food available. Come and Go.

**Notre Dame School Registration** for the 2022-23 school year will be Wednesday, August 10 from 9am to 5pm; Thursday, August 11 from 10am to 6pm in the Library/Media center in the Notre Dame School.

**Preschool Parent Meeting— Notre Dame Church Hall - Wednesday, August 10 at 5:30pm.**

**Playgroup/Preschool Open House** August 30 or August 31—3:30-6:00 pm. Openings are available in playgroup and preschool. For additional information on all school registration please call 563-547-4513

**Cresco Community Blood Drive** Friday, Aug. 12, 12:00—5:00 p.m., Cresco VFW. To make an appointment please call Pat at 563 547-5839 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor code: Cresco.

**Tuition Assistance** Are you looking for a way to help our Notre Dame students afford a Catholic education either at Notre Dame School or through our Religious Education program? Donations to our Adopt-A-Student Fund are always welcome and appreciated. For more information, contact the parish office.

**A BIG Thank You** to all who participated, planned and volunteered for the Notre Dame Golf Outing. It raised \$8,830 for school technology!

*In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure some rain!*

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town..

Suddenly, my daughter, spoke up, "Dad, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant she had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that her six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain," she began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good."

Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little girl take this revelation? So I asked.. "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

She didn't hesitate one moment with her answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on.

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