

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 **Nov. 7, 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.

August 21, 2022

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

The question posed in today's gospel, "Lord, are they few in number who are to be saved?" is really one we all ask at times. But we ask it in different ways. A comic strip pictured a family going on a picnic, but they came to the picnic grounds which were full of trash. The adults were commenting on how many people just don't seem to care about how they use things, or how they leave a place for those who follow. Finally, the little daughter—who was helping in the cleanup process—asks, "Daddy, do you think there are more of us than them?"

We do wonder at times if there are more "good guys" than "bad guys." Or, whether the just will prevail, or evil? We hope, of course, that the majority of people are good the majority of the time. But things happen which cause us to question this.

Jesus doesn't give a clear and certain answer to the questioner. He talks about coming in through the narrow door. He refers to people knocking at the door but being refused entrance by the master inside. But then he also talks about people coming from the four corners of the world and being admitted to the kingdom. As is so often the case, Jesus' answer is not clear cut. We are left to continue to ponder whether few or many will be saved, whatever that means. We ponder, and trust the Lord will do what is best for those who put their trust in Him. And He will.

Next week's readings:

Sirach 3:17-18, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Peace on the outside comes from knowing God within.

Monday, Aug. 22 No Mass
Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Aug. 23-Mass
Rosary at 4:55 p.m.
5:15 p.m. +Thomas Duerre; Tom and Edith Duerre
Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Aug. 24 Mass
8:00 a.m. +Darlene Kuennen
Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Thursday, Aug. 25 Mass
9:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe; Frank Schulte
Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros
2:00 p.m. Mass at Assisted Living +James Balk

Friday, Aug. 26 Mass
8:00 a.m. +Tom Gebel
Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Aug. 27 Mass in church and livestreamed
4:00 p.m. +Orvie and Fran Herold; Randy Bacchus III;
Zach Stapelkamp
EMHCs: Vicki McGee, Marlene Quinn,
Lector: Marlene Quinn
Servers: Emma and Reagan Drees
Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson
Greeters: Don and Lois Recker
Hosts: Don and Lois Recker
Ushers: Adam, Aidan, Awnan Skoda
Sacristan: Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

Sunday, Aug. 28 Mass
8:00 a.m. +Don Gooder
EMHCs: Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak, Barb Martinek
Lectors: Emily and Ethan Govern
Servers: Garrett Vobr, Raelyn Fortney
Music: Pam Daley, Jamie Fisk
Greeters: Dale and Lynette Andera
Hosts: Dale and Lynette Andera, Joe and Julie Haskovec
Ushers: Dale and Lynette Andera, Joe and Julie Haskovec
Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. Mass +Emma Jean Koudelka
EMHCs: Tom and Connie Frana, Tom Kleve
Lectors: Roger Kleve (ND Class of '62)
Servers: Madelyn Opprieht, Braelyn McCarville
Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers
Greeters: Brad and Jodi Dull
Hosts: Brian and Jill McConnell
Ushers: Brian McConnell, Brad and Jodi Dull,
Jerry Wilson
Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Know God. Know peace. No God. No peace.

Welcome Notre Dame High School Class of 1982 as they celebrate their 40th class reunion this weekend.

**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

Mary Jane Hudson	Sanctuary Candle
Frank McConnell	Altar Bread
Clair Svestka	Altar Wine
Don and Joan Carolan	Missalette (Aug.)

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
Ann Burgess	Frances Kovarik Langham
Marilyn Novak	Marian Wiltgen
Magnus Forland	Thom Mahr
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beverly Koshatka
Janice Ries	Lavon Hyberger
Liz Yount	Brenda Anding
Craig Church	Gladie Church
Tom Kleve	Art Kuhn
Roger Kleve	Marilyn Balk
Pat Henry	

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Lillian Dusheck**. 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 August 14, 2022

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,817.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,388.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,453.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 428.00

Today's Readings from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

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.

Welcome all students back to school this week, Aug. 23.
We ask God's blessings on the new school year.

Notre Dame Parish Pictorial Directory! Our parish will be doing a new pictorial church directory. We have completed the photography sessions. 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. **Submitted pictures must be submitted by Sept. 30.** 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!

Save the Date! Notre Dame's 51st annual Fair Day will be held on Sat., Sept. 10. Plan to join in the great food and fun!

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 Sept. 3-4.

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 emembership online promotion to join us for free the first year is going to continue. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus using promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY Questions, call 563 581-2239.

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information contact: Denise and Greg 563 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com Upcoming dates: Sept. 9-11 in Dubuque or Nov. 18-20 in Holstein.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule will be compiled soon. If you would like to start or to discontinue a ministry, please contact the parish office.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Shawls are available at the front entrance of the church to anyone who is ill or going through a hard time and needs to know that someone cares about them. Volunteers are needed to make the shawls. Patterns (crochet or knit) are available in the brochure stand in church and at the parish office. We have yarn available to pick up at the parish office for those who would like to make the shawls. Thank you.

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 Good News Singers.

We welcome Avery Mae Dietzenbach, daughter of Matthew and Leigh Dietzenbach, who was baptized on Aug. 14.



Congratulations to Dalton and Alexis (Reicks) Martinek, who were married at Notre Dame on Aug. 13.

Mass at St Agnes on Sept 3rd at 6:30 pm with Father Knipper. Lunch following. All are welcome.

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.

STO Information: At many schools, children are beginning to return. However, some families will not be returning to our Catholic schools for financial reasons. Your support of the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) helps families who want a Catholic education seek and maintain that education. *Most donations to the STO qualify for a 75% Iowa Income Tax Credit because of the Educational Opportunity Act of 2006. Reduce your Iowa income tax and help families; it's a win-win!* To donate or pledge for 2022, please visit: OurFaithSTO.org or contact Deacon Brian Zeman, Our Faith STO Director at 563 556-2580 ext 296.

Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin welcomes all of you to their 44th annual Czech Days Celebration on Aug. 19, 20, and 21. For a full listing of events you may visit [Christ Our Hope Cluster.com](http://ChristOurHopeCluster.com)

Annual Mass at St. Clements Catholic Church will be held on August 23, 6 pm. Pot Luck to follow. All are welcome. Come meet Fr. Huber.

Cresco Community Blood Drive will be held at the VFW, Cresco on Wed., Aug. 24, 12:00—5:30 p.m. Donors who donate at this blood drive will automatically be entered into a drawing for a "Tackling the Blood Shortage" prize package. Winner will be drawn at random on Aug. 31. Winner will be notified by phone, need not be present to win.

Free Ice Cream Sundae (you choose topping) Aug. 29, 1:30 p.m.; at the Historic Registry's Kellow House, 324 4th Ave. W., Cresco. Tours start at 1:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair so you can sit and visit with your friends. Sponsored by Howard County Historical Society.

Catholic Charities is the social service organization of the Archdiocese of Dubuque responding to persons in need and working to achieve justice in our society. Through their ministries such as Affordable Housing, Counseling, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Ministry, & Refugee Resettlement, they advocate for and serve individuals and families to reduce poverty, strengthen families and empower communities. Please like their Facebook page [@CatholicCharitiesDubuque](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesDubuque), visit www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org or call 1-800-772-2758 for more information.

Notre Dame School is no longer taking used ink cartridges.

A Back-to-School Prayer

Loving God, watch over our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace and tiredness with energy.

Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.

**In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

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