

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.

September 4, 2022

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

This is the season when thousands and thousands of young men across the land are fitted with helmets and shoulder pads and cleated shoes and from high schools to colleges to professional levels, football is in the air. These athletes—once they make a choice to enter the team, and are found worthy—are asked to give their all to the game. Hours and hours of practice are combined with hours and hours of memorization of complicated plays—all so that the team can have a winning season.

“Once they make their choice—and are found worthy” has a familiar ring to it. It has some strong parallels in the gospel tradition—people are asked to make a choice about following Jesus Christ, and then a whole series of steps ensue to test their worthiness. Jesus, as it were, “ups the ante” in today’s lesson—asking his followers to take up the daily cross—to be totally committed to a life of self-sacrifice for the sake of the gospel, day after day after day.

As usual, no comparison is totally accurate: Football is not life, life is not football. In a passage from one of St. Paul’s letters, however, he himself makes a similar athletic analogy—if runners will sacrifice so much to win a crown which soon perishes, should not the followers of Christ make even more sacrifices to win the crown of eternal life? Paul and Jesus are putting forth the same challenging question—not about athletic life, but real life with God in Christ.

Next week's readings:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

Monday, Sept. 5 No Mass—Labor Day.

Parish office and church closed.

Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Sept. 6-Mass

Rosary at 4:55 p.m.

5:15 p.m. +Joe, Peggy, Lester and Chester Rouchka

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Sept. 7 Mass

8:00 a.m. +Zach Stapelkamp

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Thursday, Sept. 8 Mass

9:00 a.m. +Evelyn Steffen

Sacristan: Ken and Maryln Shores

Friday, Sept. 9 Mass

8:00 a.m. +James Balk

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Sept. 10 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Ruben Gamez

EMHCs: Mary Larson, Lynn Murray, Marlene Quinn

Lector: Duane Heit

Servers: Braylee Teeling, Cody Sobolik

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Bryan and Denise Sheehy

Hosts: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Ushers: Melvin Sobolik, Bryan Sheehy,
Dave and Robin Sobolik

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, Sept. 11 Mass

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

EMHCs: Janet Andera, Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Lectors: Connie Sindelar, Ken Hubka

Servers: Mason Regan, Cali Schwickerath

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman

Hosts: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Ushers: David and Shannon Andera, Cody Kerian,
Dale Lickteig

Sacristan: Janet Andera

10:00 a.m. Mass +Frank and Arlene Vrzak

EMHCs: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Michelle Midthus

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Pam Daley, Polly Jones

Greeters: Marjette Fitzgerald, Jerry Wilson

Hosts: Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Ushers: Don and Kris Dietzenbach, Brad and Jodi Dull

Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

Do not look to your hope, but to Christ, the source of your hope.

**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.

September and October calendars are available on the parish website.

In Memory

Ike Kapler

Sanctuary Candle

Nancy Lou Hruska

Altar Bread

Chuck and Tillie DeWalle

Altar Wine

Jim, Shirley, and Joseph McConnell

Missalettes (Sept.)

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

Pat Henry

Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Marilyn Balk**. 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: DBQ047SI@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 28, 2022

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,817.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 3,338.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 5,054.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 444.00

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead he is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

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.

Ministers of Care will meet on Tues., Sept. 6, 4:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Wed., Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m., Parish office.

Save the Date! Notre Dame's 51st annual Fair Day will be held **Sat., Sept. 10**. Plan to join in the great food and fun! Custom made sausage and turkey dinner 4:30—7:00 p.m. Games, Farmers Market, Bingo, Raffle, Cake Walk, Moo Mobile and Snack Shack 5:00—8:00 p.m. Free Outdoor Movie at 8:00 p.m. Raffle drawing at 7:45 p.m.
Additional raffle tickets available in the front entrance.

Cake Walk and Farmer's Market accepting cakes and farmer's market items. They can be brought to the south foyer area of the school in the afternoon on Sept. 10 before the 5:00 p.m. start time. **Cucumbers, Onions and Tomatoes** needed for meal. Please bring to church hall by Friday afternoon, Sept. 9. Thanks!

Notre Dame Parish Pictorial Directory! Our parish is doing a new pictorial church directory. We have completed the photography sessions. Submitted pictures will be accepted until September 30; 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 were unable to come to the church for your picture, the facility will be contacting you about taking a picture and/or submitting a picture or you may call the parish office for more information. 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.*

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. 10-11** (Note date change due to Labor Day).

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, WI is a place of ceaseless prayer for the corporal and spiritual welfare of God's children, especially those in most need. Join Fr. Knipper on a pilgrimage to the Shrine on Wed., Oct. 5. \$43 includes lunch. Bus will depart from Notre Dame Parish at 8:15 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. Contact Notre Dame Parish Office 563 547-3565 for more information.

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.

It's time to honor married couples for their long marriages. Please nominate couples for the Longest Married Couple Project by Sept. 15, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME). Go to wwme.org longest married couple link to place your nomination or call 321-544-3440 or email dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org

Rosary Program - Our Lady (Notre Dame) is asking each of us to pray the rosary every day. Rosaries prayed in August: **216**. *Notre Dame, pray for us.*

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 Altar Servers.

Peach Pies for sale! Homemade frozen unbaked peach pies are available at the parish office for \$15.00 each. Sponsored by the Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith.

Reverse Collection will be held next weekend, Sept. 10-11. Take a tag and return the item for the local food pantry. Thanks!

We welcome Waylon Dwayne Carolan, son of Eric and Alisha Carolan, who was baptized at Notre Dame on Aug. 27.



We welcome Dalton and Alexis Martinek; Brittney Bluhm; and Curtis and Kayla Head to Notre Dame Parish in August. If you are new to the area or have graduated from high school and have not yet joined a parish, contact the parish office or check our parish website: notredamecresco.com to join Notre Dame Parish.

STO Information: Do you recall the excitement of the back-to-school time, or are you experiencing it now? For some children, excitement is replaced with anxiety and worry as they've had to leave behind the Catholic school they loved due to their family's financial challenges. Help our children stay in their Catholic schools by donating to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO). *The STO provides tuition assistance for qualifying families while providing donors with a 75% Iowa income tax credit.* To learn more, donate or pledge for 2022, please visit: OurFaithSTO.org or contact Deacon Brian Zeman, Our Faith STO Director at 563 556-2580 ext 296.

September Mobile Food Pantry will be held Tues., Sept. 6, 4:30—6:00 p.m. Featherlite Bldg. For info, call 719 237-6102.

Holy Cross Cemetary, Schley, IA Outdoor Mass will be held on Sept. 7, 5:00 p.m. with potluck following.

Lidtkke Mill Bingo Mon., Sept. 12, Sept. 19, 6:30—9:30 p.m. Food Available.

Lidtkke Mill Bingo Gone Wild Fri., Sept. 9, 16, 30; 6:30—8:30 p.m. Bingo with a twist. Food available to purchase. Family Fun & Fitness.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Lawler, IA will be hosting their Annual Salad Supper complete with a hot chicken casserole on Wed., Sept. 7, in the Gold Room of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Serving 5:00—7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 and may be purchased from a Catholic Daughter member or at the door. Children 5 yrs. and under are free. For tickets, please call Pat Zajicek 563 569-8257, Edna Jirak, 641 990-5957 or Jeanne Loftus 563 379-6091.

Wexford Fish Fry Fri., Sept. 16 from 4:00—8:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Menu includes fish, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. Gluten free will be available.

Howard County Community Hospice will be offering a Grief Support Group to meet from Sept. 26 through Nov. 21. Registration is required. Registration is free. Registration closes Wed., Sept. 21 or when group reaches capacity. Register or for more information, call Brecka at 563 547-2989 or email brecka.putnam@avera.org.

Ossian Wellness Day Fri. Sept. 23, 6:30—8:30 a.m. Ossian Community Center, put on by Allen Hospital-Unity Point. Appointment required. Call Dietzenbach Financial at 563 562-1048 to schedule appointment.

Oktoberfest will be sponsored by 1891 Financial Life on Sat., Oct. 1st. The cost will be \$12.00 per person. The event will be a matching fund event. The organization 1891 Financial Life was formerly called the National Catholic Society of Foresters. A drive through pick up dinner will be held from 4:30—7:00 p.m. at the German American Museum of St. Lucas. The menu will consist of Brats, Buns, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Beans and Apple Strudel. Each year the St. Lucas Historical Society holds the even in coordination with the traditional German event, Oktoberfest.

Have a Blessed Labor Day!

Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3

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