

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
Pastor**

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass

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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 **Feb. 13, 2023**, 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.

January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Hello everyone!!

I would like to try out a new policy for taking communion to the homebound, hospitals, senior care facilities, etc.

-Starting this weekend, in the back of church, next to the bread and wine to be brought forward, there will be a tray with post it notes and a pen.

-Before Mass begins, if you will be taking the Eucharist to any number of people or locations (even if it's just one host home to your spouse or family member) please leave your closed pyx on the tray with the number of hosts needed written on a post it note and stuck on top.

-The tray will be brought up with the gifts and placed on the altar. After communion is distributed, I will place the required number of hosts in each pyx. I will then place Jesus back in the tabernacle.

-As everyone is being seated, everyone who has a pyx on the tray will come up to the steps and will receive a blessing from me and then take their pyx back to their seats.

This accomplishes three things:

1. It "advertises" that this homebound ministry exists and makes the ministers visible to the parish as well as sending them out into the community.
2. It helps myself and the entire parish to see and keep better track of who is not able to join us for liturgy and how many there are in the community.
3. With this new practice, the individual reception of holy communion is highlighted as separate from the ministry and work you do for others.

I will announce all of this until this practice becomes habitual.

Thank you!

one day at a time,
father jacob rouse

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Monday, Jan. 9 No Mass—Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

5:15 p.m. +Marlene Wemark

Sacristan: Karen Hyke

Wednesday, Jan. 11 Mass

8:00 a.m. +Jim, Shirley, Joseph McConnell

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Thursday Jan. 12 Mass

9:00 a.m. +Evelyn Steffen

Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

Friday, Jan. 13

8:00 a.m. +Tom Gebel

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Jan. 14 Masses in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Kellie and Genny Riehle

EMHCs: Angie Kappes, Vicki McGee, Becky McGee

Lector: Terry Duerre

Servers: Brynlie Hvitved, Ava Barry

Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

Greeters: Don and Lois Recker

Hosts: Don and Lois Recker

Ushers: Bryan Sheehy, Joey Reinhart, Gretchen Laub,
Carver Munkel

Sacristan: Karen Hyke and Joey Reinhart

Sunday, Jan. 15

8:00 a.m. +Jim Kuennen

EMHCs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Julie Haskovec

Lector: Ken Hubka, Boyd Turnbull

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: LuAnn McCormick, Deb Moellers

Greeters: David and Elaine Bergan

Hosts: Frank and Donna Ryant

Ushers: Alisha Carolan, Dick Jones, Joe Haskovec
Cody Kerian

Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

10:00 a.m. +Leonard and Nora Kreitzer

EMHCs: Sheila Slifka, Jed and Joyce Becker

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Jerry Wilson

Hosts: Mark Kapler Family

Ushers: Jerry Wilson, Matt Daley Family,
Richard McConnell

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

*Faith is the conviction that God knows more than we
do about this life and He will get us through it.*

Christmas Decorations will be taken down following 10:00
a.m. Mass on Sun., Jan. 8. Your help will be appreciated.

Join with your Notre Dame Family for coffee/cookies/rolls
following all the masses this weekend, January 7-8 in the
church hall.

In Memory

Mabel Berka Sanctuary Candle

Lillian Dusheck Altar Bread

Bud McCarville Altar Wine

Francis Hyke; Francis Bouska Missalettes (Jan.)

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
Tom Rouchka	JoDene Van Dyke
Arlene Kuennen	Joyce Kapler
Bill Smith	Don Neubauer
Ann Burgess	Frances Kovarik Langham
Liz Yount	Dan Pahl
Lavon Hyberger	Marian Wiltgen
Magnus Rudlong	John Gossman
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beverly Koshatka
Janice Ries	Brenda Anding
Tom Kleve	Shelly McAllister
Giorgio Gugliemino	

*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.*

Stewardship of Offering

January 1, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 7,861.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 475.75
Christmas:	\$ 3,045.00

*Today we remember the three wise men from the East
who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus bringing him rich
gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our
time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we
do—are equally precious in His sight.*

**Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Rup-
pert'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 in the
church the weekend of Jan. 7-8.

Reverse Collection will be held the weekend of Jan. 14-15.
Take a tag, return the item for the local food pantry.

Finance Council will meet on Tues., Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Catholic School Board will meet on Wed., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Pictorial Directories are available in the front porch of the parish office. They are labeled for everyone who had their picture taken or submitted a picture.

Wee Families will meet on Sun., Jan. 15, 4:30 p.m. Notre Dame Church. Short and sweet faith formation for young families. Ideal for children ages 1-5. Milk and cookies following.

Into the Deep will meet on Sun., Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church.

Save the Date! 2023 Lasagna Carry Out Supper and Online Auction! Auction will be held online from Jan. 19-26. Supper will be held on Jan. 27. More details to follow.

St. Peter's Circle would like a donation of quart and pint jars and lids for "to go" orders of soup for their soup supper to be held on Feb. 18. If you would like to donate some jars, please drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

One of the greatest gifts we can share is the gift of faith. Join other members of our parish to form an RCIA Team to share our faith with those inquiring into the Catholic Church. Please call Fr. Jacob or Melanie at the parish office at 563 547-3565 for more details about training for this rewarding ministry experience.

ArchdioceseOne Update: While the parish phase of the ArchdioceseOne special appeal concluded in our parish this past year, the Archdiocese wants to ensure that they continue updating us on its progress. As of late December, over \$13 million has been raised. Thank you to everyone who has made a sacrificial gift to support the special appeal beneficiaries, whether with a financial contribution or your prayers. If you would like to make a gift to support the special appeal, or make an additional gift, you can do so by visiting the ArchdioceseOne website: www.archdioceseone.org/support

Franciscan Common Venture – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities this year. If interested, contact **Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF:** 563-583-9786, balekm@osfdbq.org, or visit our website for a listing of the 2023 opportunities and downloadable application materials: www.osfdbq.org/commonventure

Weather related mass schedule information: If school is delayed or cancelled, daily morning mass is cancelled. If school is dismissed early, Tuesday afternoon mass will be cancelled. If school is delayed, Tuesday afternoon mass will still be held.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and every evening during Lent on KCZQ 102.3 FM. Cost is \$30.00 per broadcast. If you are interested in contributing towards this Radio Rosary, please contact Mary Gansen, 563 547-5495 or the parish office, 563 547-3565.

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 Funeral Dinner Committees.

Congratulations to Lynn and Amy (Sorenson) Panos who were married at Notre Dame on Dec. 31, 2022.



Christmas Ornaments sold by **St. Mark's Circle** are available for purchase. \$20 each. Contact the parish office.

VFW Breakfast will be served January 15, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Cresco. Free will offering. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Beverage. Proceeds to be used for all local VFW Functions. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561.

Notre Dame School Lunch has an opening for assistance with the **hot lunch program**, Monday through Friday while school is in session. Please call Katie Schmitt, Principal, 563 547-4513 for more information

Football Mania Thank you to all who are participating in the Notre Dame School Fundraiser. *The NFL game between Buffalo and Cincinnati on Monday night has been postponed due to a medical emergency involving a Buffalo player. As a result, we are going to postpone calculating winners until the NFL makes an official decision on when (or if) the game will be resumed. If the game is played within the next few days, we will include the game in next winner calculations. Otherwise, we will follow our contingency plan and will treat both teams as though they had a bye (as is defined in our official rules).*

Mark your calendars for the annual Archdiocesan Women's Conference: Beauty in Christ: Saturday, January 28th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.! All women are invited! Contact your parish office 563 547-3565 to register. For further information, please contact Julie Vulk at 563.380.8412 or javulk@yahoo.com

Lidtkke Mill Bingo Monday nights 6:30-9:30 p.m. Food available. Family, Fun & Fitness, Lime Springs.

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 BLESSEDMC-GIVNEY Questions, call 563 581-2239.

Gundersen Health System will host VIRTUAL workshops starting in February on these topics: Healthy Living with Diabetes and Healthy Living with Chronic Pain. Each class is one day a week for 2½ hours for 6 weeks. Cost is \$30 and includes a workbook. To register or have a brochure sent to you with more information, please call 608-775-6870

Epiphany of the Lord

In some of our Christian communities there are two Christmases—"little Christmas" on December 25th and "great Christmas" on Epiphany. For those communities Epiphany is the real celebration of Christmas with the exchange of gifts and so forth. We Roman Catholics don't have the total hold on truth and celebration!

One can see from the story in Matthew read today why a different way and date of celebrating Christmas could come about. The story of the three kings—Magi—astrologers—bringing expensive gifts to the newborn Messiah is ready made for a tradition of exchanging gifts with one another. And so, in some traditions, today would be the day for giving and receiving presents.

One can also see why the Church—in the several liturgical traditions—extends the Christmas celebration through a fair period of time. There is much to celebrate. And celebrations take time!

So continue the Christmas spirit and Christmas festivity. The malls may be setting up for Valentine's Day—but it's them that's "outta tune" not us.

Happy Epiphany!



6:00

Tuesday, February 7



MESSAGES

today

One of the greatest gifts we can share is the gift of faith. Have you thought about becoming a mentor to those who want to learn more about joining our Catholic faith? Attend an informational session and training on February 7th at 6PM in the parish hall. Light meal will be served.

RSVP @ <https://notredamecresco.com/parish-calendar>
by February 3rd



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Christmas Flower Donations, Notre Dame – 2022

Thank You!

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