

Notre Dame Parish

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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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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 **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 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*"I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

This quote from today's first reading sounds very familiar—something we have heard recently perhaps? Indeed, we have. During the Christmas-Epiphany cycle we heard and sang about the newborn Prince of Peace whose reign would embrace all of humankind. It would reach to the ends of the earth!

Now we are making the transition in the Church year to Jesus' adult life and ministry. We will note in Matthew's gospel—which we will be using all of this church year—that Jesus' ministry was pretty limited. He spoke and worked among his fellow countrymen and women almost exclusively. Yet there were strong intimations that as "God's Chosen One" - as John the Baptist points out today—Jesus is meant to do more than reach out to the Jews. But he had to start there.

Of course St. Paul, who ministers and writes after these gospel events, became the early Church evangelist to the gentile nations. We will hear from his letter to the Corinthians for some weeks.

We take the Church's world-wide mission for granted—this is just what the Church is and does. It is good to understand that this sense of being "for all the nations" had very small beginnings along the banks of an insignificant river in a remote corner of the Roman Empire.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

The world discourages. God encourages.

Monday, Jan. 16 No Mass—Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 Mass

9:30—11:00 a.m. Visitation for Della Mitchell

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Della Mitchell

(No 5:15 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, Jan. 18 Mass

8:00 a.m. +George Sobolik

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Thursday Jan. 19 Mass

9:00 a.m. +Steve Slifka

Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +Bud McCarville

Friday, Jan. 20

8:00 a.m. +Adrian and Betty Schatz

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Jan. 21 Masses in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Emma Jean Koudelka

EMHCs: Alanda Meyer, Angie Kappes, Marlene Quinn

Lector: Marlene Quinn

Servers: Sam Meyer, Cody Sobolik

Music: Harlan Larson, Catherine Toale

Greeters: Galen and Lavon Fye

Hosts: Dave and Robin Sobolik

Ushers: Dave and Robin Sobolik, Jim Murphy,
Ray Schwarzhoff

Sacristan: Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

Sunday, Jan. 22

8:00 a.m. +Joe and Ethel Sexton

EMHCs: Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak, Barb Martinek

Lector: Roger Kleve, Emily Govern

Servers: Lincoln and Brooks Manske

Music: Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman

Hosts: Bart and Julie Wilson

Ushers: Bart and Julie Wilson, Ken Hubka, Dale Lickteig

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

10:00 a.m. +Dec'd members of Gebel and Kolbet Families

EMHCs: Tom and Connie Frana, Tracy Hart

Lectors: Jed Becker, Tracy Hart

Servers: Preston Daley, Addison Bohr

Music: Joe Wacha, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Jolene Trachta, Audrey Hyke

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks,
Don and Kris Dietzenbach

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

It is my belief that in every person there is an innate goodness. Seek it out and help it to grow.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Decorations in the church. Your help was appreciated.

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

In Memory

Deanne Webb Sanctuary Candle

Reuben Svestka Altar Bread

Vince Thraenert 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	Ethan Pepera
Paul Pepera	

Our sympathy...

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Della Mitchell**; and **Rev. Mark McGovern**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

*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

January 8, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 15,957.74
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 695.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 457.50

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Rupert'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 **Feb. 4-5.**

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. Theme: *"What is the difference between natural and divine law?"*

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., Jan. 17, KC Room.

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

First Eucharist Parent/Student Meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 25, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

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. See flyer in bulletin.

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

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 and plan to attend an informational session and training on Feb. 7, 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Light meal will be served.

Corrections: In the 2022 Pictorial Directory Brian McConnell and Erin Powers-Daley were inadvertently omitted from the Pastoral Council and Finance Council Committees respectively. We apologize for these omissions.

Czech Heritage Partnership Masopust Event... Czech Heritage Partnership is having their 17th annual Masopust (Mardi Gras) on Saturday February 18th at the PIVO Brewery in Calmar, IA. Doors open at noon, and the celebration begins at 1pm. This event features Malek's Fishermen Band, live and silent auctions, with a Czech Style meal including kolaches and poppyseed cake. The Czech region recognized this time is the 'Velis' (Velleesh), the origin of Pecinovsky immigrants that settled in the NE Iowa area. Tickets are \$40. Reserved tables of 8 available, but limited. For tickets and info contact: Audrey Lensing = 563-380-3015; Ken Zajicek = 563-379-4100; Eileen Tlusty = 641-229-6049 **Check us out on Facebook:** [facebook.com/czechmasopust](https://www.facebook.com/czechmasopust)

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 Ushers.

We welcome Ramey Stephen Kraft, daughter of Ethan and Ashley Kraft, who was baptized at Notre Dame on Jan. 8. 

VFW Annual Cancer Benefit Breakfast will be served January 15, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Cresco. Dine In or Carry Out. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Beverage. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561.

Football Mania Thank you to all who are participating in the Notre Dame School Fundraiser. Winners: Amanda Keller, \$25; Kari Otters, \$25; Kelsey Shackelford, \$25; Dustin Panos, \$25; Holly O'Brien, \$25; Miranda Bruening, \$25; Laura Ellingson, \$25; Sarah Kach, \$25; and Zach Davis, \$400.

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 membership 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.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program designed to assist low-income families to meet the cost of home heating. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 each year. Visit your local community action outreach office to apply for this and other programs.

"BUZZ-by" Quilting Bee/House-Tidying Franciscan Common Venture Service Trip to the **Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT April 23-29, 2023**. Open to men and women 20+ years of age. Cost: \$125 plus bring \$50 for food purchase on site. Be part of a quilting bee to create quilts used in the Native American ritual of "Give Away" and learn about Native culture as you engage in the ministry of presence – listening and sharing stories. If quilting isn't your thing, there are many housekeeping tasks that could use your help! **Due date to apply is March 27th**. For more information contact Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org or visit www.osfdbq.org/commonventure for application materials and more service opportunities.

DC BOUND with FRANCISCANS: An Intergenerational Immersion-Service Experience: May 28-June 3, 2023. This service offering is a collaboration between Franciscan Common Venture and the Franciscan Mission Service. This small team will have the opportunity to see and experience Washington, DC and many organizations with the lens of the Franciscan Tradition. Current DC Service Corps members will assist with the daily experiences. This is open to men and women, 21 years of age and older. We are hoping to have an intergenerational mix. If you or someone you know might be interested in this service trip, contact Sr. Shell balekm@osfdbq.org or 563-583-9786. **Due date to apply is April 21.**

Great Way to Start the New Year:

When I woke up this morning I asked myself: What are some of the secrets of success in life?

I found the answer right there in my room:

The Fan said "Be Cool"

The Roof said: "Aim High"

The Window said: "See the World"

The Clock said: "Every minute is precious"

The Mirror said: "Reflect before you Act"

The Door said: "Push hard for your goals"

And don't forget—the Carpet said: "Kneel down and Pray"

2023 Lasagna Carry Out Supper & Online Auction!



We invite you to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week 2023 with the Notre Dame Catholic School

Lasagna Carry Out Supper and Online Classroom Project/Pie Auction!

~Online Auction~

To view or bid on our auction:

Go to: www.tinyurl.com/ndcschool
and click on the auction link.

Link also on the Notre Dame School FB page, and Notre Dame Parish website.

Create a Hi-Bid account, you only need an email address and password, or log in and start the bidding!!

Auction Preview & Bidding: 1/19-1/26 until 6pm.

Lasagna Carry Out Supper \$10

Lasagna, French Bread, Salad and Dessert. No individual lasagna for sale.

Preorder Tickets Only.

Notre Dame School Families and Staff preorder date: 1/5-1/12, Notre Dame School.

Public preorder availability starting 1/13/23 at the Notre Dame Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame School.

Drive Thru Directions

Using the **2nd Ave E** entrance, please pull up in two parallel lines and remain in your vehicle. A school representative will come out to collect your order form and bring your food to you!

We will not have a drive through in the back entrance.

THANK YOU!!

**Online Auction:
Online Preview & Bidding
1/19 ~ 1/26
Supper & Auction Pick
Up 1/27/2023
Time: 4:30-6:30 pm**

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