

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 **May 15, 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.

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus' period of fasting and prayer in the desert (He didn't have to do penance!) was a preparation time for his public ministry. It was a very personal endeavor, of course. It seems from the gospel narrative he was engaged in a one-on-one confrontation with the Tempter himself. As the story tells us, Jesus rebuffed each temptation firmly and decisively. He won that contest, but he also knew the desert experience was just the beginning of the struggle.

It is important for us to realize about all this that Jesus' struggle against Satan was not merely a personal matter. Jesus was preparing to be a very public figure, so the contest with evil was not just a contest one-on-one. His life was to be lived not just for himself. His life was to be a life lived for God and for others in the fullest sense possible. Once he accepted the mission given him as he came out of the baptismal waters of the Jordan he knew he was truly a public servant. Thus he acted, as we all must, as an individual. But his individual acts had enormous public consequences.

As we move into adulthood and take on adult responsibilities our lives are, in a fashion, like Jesus' life. As adults in positions of responsibility we do not live for ourselves—we are parents, workers, business people, citizens, leaders in one way or another. So our lives impact others all the time.

As we begin Lent it is good to keep all this in mind. We fast and pray and give alms as part of a personal growth process, but just as importantly, so that the whole Body of Christ may grow in grace through the growth of each individual member.

Next week's readings:

Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus said no to Satan in the wilderness. Say no to the devil wherever he may tempt you.

Monday, Feb. 27 No Mass—Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 Mass

5:15 p.m. +Darrell and Michaelen Riehle

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Stations of the Cross: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, March 1 Mass

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

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Thursday March 2 Mass

9:00 a.m. +Steve Slifka

Sacristan: Ken and Maryln Shores

Friday, March 3

8:00 a.m. +Ray and Delores Vsetecka

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, March 4 Masses in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Lillian Dusheck

EMHCs: Jim and Anne Ott, Marcie Huhe

Lector: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Cody Sobolik, Sam Meyer

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Greeters: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Hosts: Jim and Anne Ott

Ushers: Dave and Robin Sobolik, Bryan Sheehy,
Jim Murphy

Sacristan: Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. +Walter and Helen Bateman

EMHCs: Barb Martinek, Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Lector: Jim Truka, Ken Hubka

Servers: Cali Schwickerath, Raelynn Fortney

Music: Katie Ferrie, Polly Jones

Greeters: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Hosts: Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Ushers: Alisha Carolan, Nick and Ava Ferrie,
Marvin Lensing

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. +Elmer Adamec

EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd, Tom Kleve, Sue Runyan

Lectors: Nita Hackman, Sue Runyan

Servers: Hadley and Harper Riehle

Music: Joe Wacha, Polly Jones

Greeters: Gary and Janel Langreck

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Matt Daley Family, Brian McConnell,
Richard McConnell

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

In all things, remember that God is the Lord, and his greatest desire is for us to love all people.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3, 1:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cresco. Everyone is welcome!

In Memory

Paul Svestka Sanctuary Candle

David and Maxine Herold Altar Bread

Randy Reinhart Altar Wine

Deanne Webb Missalettes (Feb.)

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	Donna Bruening

*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

February 19, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 5,907.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,922.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 434.50

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

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 in the church the weekend of **March 4-5.**

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April through September will be compiled soon. If you would like to begin or discontinue a ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you to all our liturgical ministers for sharing their time and talent with Notre Dame Parish.

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Peter Circle Soup Supper. If you are a member of this Circle and have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

St. Blasé Circle is collecting dues this year. If you are a member of this Circle and have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Grieving with Great Hope will be presented on Thursday evenings from 6:00—8:00 p.m. March 2, 9, 16, 23. Call the parish office for more information.

Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Thurs., March 2, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Men's Conference: Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.—3:15 p.m., Notre Dame Hall. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Edward Sri. Register for \$15 at <https://notredamecresco.com/mens-conference>

Serving the Poor. . .God's Work is Here: Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Your gift directly impacts families in North-east Iowa. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Annual Appeal today. Learn more at:

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"Built Upon the Rock" A three night healing mission at St. Francis de Sales Church, 420 E. Main St., Ossian, Feb. 26, 27, 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Calmar, Festina, Ossian, Spillville Catholic Churches. Conducted by Fr. Greg Bramlage, President and Founder of Missionaries of the New Evangelization. His website is: mnehealing.org

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 pazazz 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 call Denise at (563)920-9419 or register at wwme.org. **Upcoming dates:** April 22-23, 2023 in Epworth, Iowa and September 22-24, 2023 in Dubuque, Iowa

Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room. The group will study the readings for the upcoming weekend. Everyone is welcome.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on KCZQ 102.3 FM. Sponsors are welcome to support this broadcast. 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!

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 members of the Stewardship Committee.

How do I become a member of the Catholic Church? What do Catholics believe? If you or someone you know are inquiring into the Catholic faith, or are a parishioner who wants to learn more about your faith, please contact the parish office at 563 547-3565 to receive information about classes.

If you have a child under age 17 who is not yet baptized, or a baptized child who has missed their First Communion and you would like to have them receive these sacraments, please call the parish office at 563 547-3565. Let us help you and your child prepare for these wonderful Sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic faith.

Adult Catholics who want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited call the parish office, for details.

Mardi Gras Spaghetti Lunch Sun., Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Lime Springs Community Center. Fundraising for parish youth going on a mission trip. Sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran-Lime Springs with other Unity Parish churches.

Assumption Parish Little Turkey Spring Card Party (Your choice of Euchre or 500) Sunday March 12, 1:30 p.m. Admission \$5.00 includes lunch. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time!

Waucoma Spring Vendor Show will be held Sat., March 11 from 9—2 at the Waucoma Event Center. Come support local vendors and enjoy lunch by Eden Outer Limits 4-H Club. The Latecomers Relay for Life team will be selling kolaches with proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Northeast Iowa Prolifers Conference at St. Benedict Church, Decora on March 25 beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Free will offering. Pre-register by calling Mary 563 382-4715 or 563 380-7892 or St. Benedict Church 563 382-9631.

Fish Fry serving cod, potato salad, coleslaw, bread and homemade bars. Friday, March 3rd serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Advanced tickets \$15.00, At the Door \$16.00. Children 6-11 \$7.00, Children 5 and under free. Fish fried by Mike Reicks. Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish, Festina, IA.

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

Don Davis Good Samaritan Fund Donations are always accepted for this fund through Notre Dame Parish and will be deposited in the local Salvation Army account administered by CUSB. It will provide a centralized community resource for all Cresco area churches to refer requests for emergency financial assistance. For more information, contact the parish office.

New Address? We need your new address, email address and/or phone number. Just a reminder if your address, email address or phone number have changed, please notify the parish office, 563 547-3565.

All are invited! The Notre Dame Class of 1970 is hosting a 5 day bus tour from July 30 - August 3, 2023 leaving from Cresco. The trip is run by Glenn's Motorcoach Tours and is fully guided with all luggage handled. Highlights of the trip will be an afternoon and evening at Niagara Falls, entrance to the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, and the Gangsters of Chicago bus tour. If time permits on the first day of traveling a brief tour of the University of Notre Dame will also be included. Costs also include four breakfasts and two hotel happy hours. Cost is \$1162 - double occupancy. The Class of 1970 hopes to fill this tour with Notre Dame graduates but all Cresco area friends and families are invited. For more information please contact Duane Ollendick (507-421-6575) or Joyce Hubka Becker (563-547-5419), or send an email of interest to notredame1970bustour@yahoo.com and a brochure will be sent.

We have a God who listens to our pleas and answers them.

Trust in his plan to help and comfort us.

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