

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.

April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

We don't associate Easter as a feast of giving as we do Christmas. There is some giving of chocolates or Easter eggs or other minor presents, but gift giving and exchanging is not prominent with the Easter feast. In a way our practices don't fit the reality of the events.

For Easter marks the occasion when our Lord has reached full stature as our Redeemer, and is now able to pour out the gifts of God's favors in abundance. We see this at work in today's readings where the Lord pours forth the Spirit of forgiveness and peace and faith and generosity to the early Christian believers. In other words, as the Risen One, full of power and life and splendor, Jesus can effect the things he came to do which only began in a minute way at his birth.

One commentator puts it this way: the major effect of Easter is that Jesus Christ becomes a life-giving Spirit. He is free to pour forth the saving and healing work of God in a way that He could not do so in his pre-resurrection body.

These Easter Sundays will illustrate even more fully how this is so.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Alleluia!

He is Risen!

Alleluia!

Monday, April 17 No Mass—Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, April 18

5:15 p.m. +Roger McConnell

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 a.m. +Wilmer Hubka

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Thursday April 20

9:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Hudson

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +Bud McCarville; Steve
McCarville and Andy Stika

Friday, April 21

8:00 a.m. +John and Todd Schmauss

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, April 22 Mass in church and livestreamed

2:00p.m. Wedding of Sean Devine-Meyer and Johanna Lubke

4:00 p.m. +Patricia Recker

EMHCs: Duane Heit, Jim and Anne Ott

Lector: Duane Heit

Servers: Brynlie Hvitved, Ava Barry

Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

Greeters: Anna Mae Christianson, Pat Korsmo

Hosts: Jim and Anne Ott

Ushers: Dave, Robin and Cody Sobolik, Jim Murphy

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. +Albert and Rita Feldman

EMHCs: Boyd Turnbull, Joyce Jirak, Connie Sindelar

Lector: Boyd Turnbull, Roger Kleve

Servers: Mason Regan, Cali Schwickerath

Music: Teen Choir, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: David and Elaine Bergan

Hosts: Mike and Rachel Gooder

Ushers: David and Shannon Andera, Alisha Carolan,
Ken Hruska

Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

10:00 a.m. +Emma Jean Koudelka

EMHCs: Jessica Kapler, Tracy Hart, Tom Kleve

Lector: Rylee Kapler, Tracy Hart

Servers: Carley and Danny Kapler

Music: Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Matt Daley Family, Sue Sovereign, Brian McConnell

Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

Find your place in life by looking only to Christ. He endured the torment of the Place of the Skull for you.

April 16: 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday. Ice Cream Sundaes served in the hall for everyone at 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Service at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Bible Study is 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.

In Memory

Gene Myers; Diane Bruening; and

Debra Winsell

Sanctuary Candle

Lillian Dusheck

Altar Bread

Clair Svestka

Altar Wine

Leona Whalen and Bryson Holthaus

Missalettes (April)

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

Parker Bymes

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

Mary Stejskal

John Gossman

Paula Growden

Pat Smith

Randy Smith

Beverly Koshatka

Janice Ries

Brenda Anding

Tom Kleve

Shelly McAllister

Giorgio Gugliemino

Ethan Pepera

Lisa Peter

Donna Bruening

Ellie Lorenzo

Dick Franks

Annette Steffen

Marinus Mlady

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Ron Ollendieck and Carol Sim.** 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: 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

April 9, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,750.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 4,879.00

Easter Contributions: \$ 6,695.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 695.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 1,272.28

Jesus meets the needs of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room. He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Into the Deep will meet on Sun., April 16, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church. *"Why do Virtues and Vices Matter?"*

Stewardship Committee will meet on Mon., April 17, 5:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., April 18, 7:00 p.m. KC Room.

Wee Families packets are available by Mary's altar for parents of children ages 1-5 to pick up and share a lesson in faith formation with your children at home.

"Doing Life on Empty" An Easter Series based on Matthew 11:28-30 will be held on Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 p.m. April 20—May 18 in the Notre Dame Church.

Mark your calendar: St. Catherine's Spring Dinner on **Thurs., April 20**, 4:30—7:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Church Hall serving Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Luscious homemade pie or dessert, coffee and milk. Adults \$15; Ages 6-12 \$10. Carryouts available.

Cresco Knights of Columbus Council #1571 fundraiser: Dads Belgium Waffles. Serving Waffles, Sausages, Flavored Syrups and Beverage, Sunday, April 23rd from 8:30am - 12:00pm at Notre Dame Church Hall. Adults \$8 Children under 5-free. Carry-outs available. All you can eat !!!

Baccalaureate will be held at Notre Dame on May 7 at 10:00 mass. Invitations are being mailed. If you are a senior in high school and a member of Notre Dame Parish and do not receive an invitation, call the parish office, 563 547-3565.

Candidates are needed for Pastoral Council and Catholic School Board elections. If you would like to share your time and talent with Notre Dame through either of these Boards, please contact the parish office, 563 547-3565.

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.

Cresco Community Blood Drive at the VFW Hall on Wed., April 26, 12:00—5:30 p.m. To make a appointment call 800 287-4903; or text [liferve](mailto:liferve@bloodcenter.org) to 999-777 or visit liferve@bloodcenter.org

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

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Pillow Cleaning Thursday, April 27, 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Cresco Methodist Church. Drop off on Wed., April 26, 6:00—8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Methodist Church Women.

Mental Health Crisis Line: 988.

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 New Life Choir.

Scrip Program includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Casey's, A & W, Sue-Z-Q, Atomic Pizza and Kwik Star. Cards are available at the parish office and in the church the weekend of **May 6-7.**

VFW Breakfast scheduled for April 16 has been cancelled.

VFW Student Essay Competitions Look for applications and information available in the Brochure stand in the front entrance of the church or in the front porch of the parish office to enter the Voice of Democracy (grades 9-12) and/or the Patriots' Pen (6th-8th grade) Essay Competitions. Cash prizes.

3rd Annual Their Fight is Our Fight 5K Run, Walk or Ride April 28, Mikkelson Park, New Hampton. Register online at TheirFightIsOurFightNH on Facebook. Early registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. After April 10 it will be \$35 and no guarantee of a shirt. Sponsored by Everybody Hurts Nonprofit promotion awareness for mental health and suicide prevention.

Trinity Catholic School Boosters Best of the Best Art & Writing Show and Omelet Breakfast Sun., April 16, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Protivin Comm. Center. Adults \$10; Ages 5-12 \$7.00; ages 5 and under Free. Create your own omelet; rolls, toast, juice, coffee and milk.

"MAIFEST", a German Spring Festival, will be held on Saturday afternoon April 29th at the Pivo Brewery in Calmar. Event sponsored by the German - American Museum, St. Lucas. The event will feature several German beer, the popular Guttenberg German Band playing from 1 - 4 pm, German food served all day, a raffle and silent auction. Admission is free. The event is a fundraiser to put a new roof on the German-American Museum, St. Lucas. Saint Lucas Historical Society.

Equipped for Life: A Fresh Approach to Conversations about Abortion Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. St. Francis Catholic Church Rochester, MN. Learn how to respond to the toughest pro-choice arguments with truth and love. Speaker: Emily Albrecht. For more info or to register call or text Linda McGuire at 507 259-4035.

Parent-to-Parent / Peer-to-Peer: Share the Special Journey

Have you experienced the struggles and joys of caring for a family member with a disability? Have you become disabled due to an accident? Do you find comfort in accompanying others who share similar experiences? The Archdiocese of Dubuque is offering an opportunity for parents, family members, and friends of persons with special needs to connect and provide guidance and support through the maze of emotional, health, educational, and transitional times. If interested, or for more information, please contact Deacon Steve MacDonald (stevekathymac@gmail.com), Spiritual Director for Disability Inclusion ministries, and parent of a child with special needs.

Mental Health Awareness Counseling may be an option for those who are struggling to cope. **Catholic Charities offers in-person and tele-health counseling with licensed mental health professionals in English and Spanish.** For more information on counseling at Catholic Charities or to schedule your first appointment, please call 563.588.0558 or visit CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/counseling.

We are Easter People

Peter, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of Jesus; John the beloved; Thomas and the disciples in the upper room and so many others, reveal what it means to be Easter people.

Who will reveal the risen Christ to me? To us? Who are the Easter people in my life? What is my moment of transformation? Of new life? Will it be the children delighting in their Easter baskets, or will it be the lady across the street looking for crocuses in her yard?

And each of us? We, too, are Easter People, invited into deep relationship with our God, and called to announce the good news.

Alleluia! We have seen the Lord!

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