

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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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 **Aug. 14, 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.

June 11, 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

We humans are indeed unique among "all that dwells upon the earth." We can soar into the wondrous realm of the spirit and create works of art and music and literature and buildings that bring tears of joy to our eyes. At the very time we are doing those things we must acknowledge our utter dependence on the very minerals and plants and beasts that inhabit the earth's crust with us. We dwell in the spirit and live on the earth. To deny either its due importance is to deny our very selves.

The God who created us thusly is mindful of both dimensions of our being. God speaks to our spirit, but does so through our senses. The most spirit-filled mystic who comes to know the inner workings of the godhead first hand, as it were, still has to eat, drink and sleep like everyone else. Bodily needs cannot be denied. Nor does God ever want us to deny them. Just the opposite is true.

God became incarnate—"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." And the Word-in-the flesh promised to continue to be "enfleshed" in what we know as the Eucharistic bread and wine. This physicalness of Christ Jesus' continuing presence among us is for our need. Christ may indeed be now a life-giving Spirit as St. Paul tells us. But we are not spirits; we live embodied. We thank God in Christ that God has so wondrously found a way to nourish our spirits through the holy Bread and Cup of Life.

Next week's readings:

Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Monday, June 12– No Mass. Pray for vocations

Tuesday, June 13–No Mass. Pray for peace.

Wednesday, June 14–No Mass. Pray for favorable weather

**Thursday June 15–No morning mass. Pray for our parish
2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +George Sobolik (Fr. Knipper)**

Friday, June 16

8:00 a.m. +Thomas, Agnes, Rita, Ruth Rinn

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, June 17 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Emma Jean Koudelka

EMHCs: Jim and Anne Ott, Mary Larson

Lector: Mary Larson

Servers: Ava Barry, Braylee Teeling

Music: Teen Choir, Jamie Fisk

Greeters: Galen and Lavon Fye

Hosts: Steve and Terry Duerre

Ushers: Steve Duerre, Dave, Robin and Cody Sobolik

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, June 18

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

EMHCs: Patti Guyer, Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak

Lector: Ken Hubka, Roger Kleve

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: LuAnn McCormick, Darlene Vsetecka

Greeters: Kenny and Jeri Andera

Hosts: Kenny and Jeri Andera

Ushers: Jordan Guyer, Joe and Julie Haskovec,
Marvin Lensing

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. +Vern Walker

EMHCs: Jerry O'Donnell, Wayne and Janet Kreitzer

Lector: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Servers: Braelyn McCarville, Jack Keller

Music: Dee Hosek, Darlene Vsetecka

Greeters: Audrey Hyke, Jolene Trachta

Hosts: Brad and Jodi Dull

Ushers: Brad and Jodi Dull, Tim and Delrae Wolter

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the parish office. Each Wednesday we review the upcoming Readings for the following weekend. No need to register and no fees, just show up and bring a friend.

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 .

Fair Stand Please call the parish office to sign up to help at our Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair June 19—25 or at the Moo Mobile on June 21. Thanks!

In Memory

Lillian Dusheck Sanctuary Candle

Joe and Peggy Rouchka Altar Bread

Francis Hyke; Francis Bouska Altar Wine

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
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
Luther Govern	Ari Chambers-Baltz
Megan Freidhof	

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

June 3, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,527.60
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 770.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 573.45

The Scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf." How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

Thank You! A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the painting of the school last week! It is greatly appreciated!

Raffle Tickets for great cash prizes will be available in the front entrance of church and at the Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair. Drawing to be held Sun., June 25.

Card Party If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., June 12, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Notre Dame School is looking for 5th grade teachers and 6th grade teacher with sign on bonus of \$6,000.00. For more information, please contact Katie Schmitt, Principal at 563 419-6152.

Students First Education Savings Accounts is now accepting applications. Applications will be accepted until Friday, **June 30**. Parents/guardians can access the online application on the Students First ESA website. For more information, contact Katie Schmitt, Principal, at 563 419-6152.

Reverse Collection will be held this weekend, June 10-11. Take a tag, buy the item and return it for the local food pantry. Donations are always welcome.

Meals on Wheels Notre Dame Parish will be delivering Meals on Wheels in July. Sign up sheet will be available this weekend. Check your calendar and sign up to help. Thank you!

Faith Formation Commission will meet on Thurs., June 15, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

Tee Time for Technology will be held on Wed., June 28, 9:30 a.m., Cresco Country Club, "4 Person Best Shot". Registration forms available in the church entrance, Cresco Fitness Center, Cresco Chamber, Cresco County Club or online at www.ndschool.weebly.com For more information on tournament or to be a sponsor for the event, contact Heather Johnson, 563 547-5100; heather@campsiterv.com or Carrie McCarville at cmcarville3@gmail.com

Totus Tuus will be held at Notre Dame July 30—Aug. 4. All students entering 1st—12th grade are invited to participate. \$10/person;\$30/family. To register call the parish office or go online: notredamecresco.com Faith Formation.

Accepting New Counseling Clients via Telehealth

If you know of anyone struggling with their brain health during this time, our Catholic Charities Counselors are accepting new clients from any location in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The telehealth process allows our counselors to meet with clients remotely via computer or other devices. Counseling provides individuals, couples, and families the ability to work out their challenges before they become a crisis, helping to maintain emotional health and strengthen relationships. Contact us at [563-588-0558](tel:563-588-0558) to be connected to one of our licensed professionals.

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.

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 Lectors.

We welcome Porter William Sullivan, son of **Christopher and Kayla Sullivan** who was baptized at Notre Dame on June 4; and **Lilah Rose Cole**, daughter of **Garrett and Veronica Cole** who was baptized at Notre Dame on June 6.



Crestwood High School/NICC students create cross for Notre Dame Catholic School Crestwood students enrolled in the welding career pathway certificate program at NICC donated their talents for the creation of a new cross for the entrance of Notre Dame Catholic School.

The students: Aidan Leff, Alex Moser, Ayden Alber, Breydon Drilling, Colton Hruska, Colton Knight, Drew Jackson, Grady Juelsgaard, Kalob Kerndt, Riley Roberts, Bryce Hanson, Caden Baca, DJ Tobacco, Dominic Maly, Landen Bigler, Max Klimesh, Kole Balvanz, Stephen Lake and William Schrage with the guidance of instructor Jason Bye worked on the cross at the NICC Cresco Center. Alum-Line and President/CEO Gary Gooder donated all the aluminum for the project and Bob's Electric co-owner Darrel Andera mounted and installed wiring to illuminate the cross. *Thank you to all who were involved with the project. Drive by the north side of the school to see it.*

ACCW Link: To all women: In order to access latest issue of "The Link", the newsletter of ACCW, go to the Archdiocese of Dubuque website, then to "Departments", and under departments you will find Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women, click on that. On the left side of the screen, scroll down to The Link Newsletter and click on that. The Link Summer of 2023 will show at the beginning. Click to read about your own Decorah Deanery Doings!! Meet the new priests, Fr. Jeff and Fr. Casey! And much, much more!!

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.

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

What is holiness?

Holiness is an opportunity.

Every person that comes into your life; every circumstance or event of your life, is an opportunity to be holy.

Your holiness is measured by how lovingly you respond to God in the moments of the day.

Most of us recognize that we want to love God. The problem is that we are inconsistent at grasping the moments of the day one by one for God.

If we examine ourselves individually the reason we will find for our inconsistent response to God is that our lives of prayer reflect the same inconsistency. If we feel like praying, we pray; and if we don't feel like praying, we don't pray.

The problem with this approach is that if we link our love of God to our selfish feelings, if indeed our love of God is dictated by our selfish feelings then obviously there is a contradiction, love being selfless.

God calls you not only to prayer but to consistent prayer. The more consistency you can bring to your prayer life, the more consistent your response to God will be in the moments of the day.

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