

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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**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.

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

We've all, no doubt, seen enough TV shows or movies about military training and life. Central to that training is the DI (Drill Instructor). When he shouts out "hut, 2, 3, 4" the recruits fall in line and begin to march according to his cadence. His word commands instant obedience. His word is spoken with authority, and produces results. Something like God's word.

God's word is uttered and produces results. "So shall my word be," utters the prophet, "it shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Parents would like to have their words go forth and produce results. (So would a preacher!) But, alas, such is not always the case.

Sometimes the word of a parent, a teacher, a preacher goes forth—but it falls on all kinds of different "soil." Jesus' parable about the sower rings home very true to us. We adults know that words of instruction, admonition, encouragement, discipline can fall on quite different kinds of "soil." But now and then the words fall on rich soil and produce amazing results. What a joy that is!

The parable invites us—adults and children alike—to examine what kind of "soil" we are. Do we hear God's word with ready spirits; or resistant spirits; or hardened spirits?

God is no DI. But God does expect results when His word is brought to our hearing. We can only hope His word will produce fruit—"a yield of a hundred—or sixty—or thirty fold."

Next week's readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

All who come to Him will have life forever.

Monday, July 17— No Mass. Pray for vocations

Tuesday, July 18

5:15 p.m. +Albert and Rita Feldman

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 a.m. +Jim Kuhn

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Thursday July 20

9:00 a.m. +Leonard and Cecilia Kapler

Sacristan: Duane Heit

2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +Betty Zobeck

Friday, July 21—No morning mass

10:00 Visitation for Leoba Dotzler

11:00 Funeral for Leoba Dotzler

Saturday, July 22 Mass in church and livestreamed

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Ben Hron and Katie Chapman

4:00 p.m. +Robert Malli

EMHCs: Becky McGee, Alanda Meyer, Marlene Quinn

Lector: Ethan Rice

Servers: Ava Barry, Sam Meyer

Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

Greeters: Pat Korsmo, Lois Ollendieck

Hosts: Dave, Robin and Cody Sobolik

Ushers: Dave, Robin and Cody Sobolik, Bryan Sheehy

Sacristan: Carol Stoker, Mindy Jones

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. +Jerry and Jenna Simon

EMHCs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Julie Haskovec

Lector: Roger Kleve, Julie Wilson

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: Katie Ferrie, Polly Jones

Greeters: Sheila Grabau, Betty Hebrink

Hosts: Frank and Donna Ryant

Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, Bart and Julie Wilson

Sacristan: Frank and Donna Ryant

10:00 a.m. +Dec'd members of

Urban and Lucy Dietzenbach family

EMHCs: Jerry O'Donnell, Jed and Joyce Becker

Lector: Jed Becker, Nita Hackman

Servers: Hadley and Harper Riehle

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Greeters: Chris and Amanda Keller

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Matt Daley family

Sacristan: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

There is a time to speak and a time to listen. A child of God must know the difference.

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

In Memory

Lorraine Munkel Sanctuary Candle

Clair Svestka Altar Bread

Urban and Mickie Drilling Altar Wine

Francis Hyke; Francis Bouska Missalettes (July)

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	Frances Hovorka
Mary Stejskal	John Gossman
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beverly Koshatka
Janice Ries	Brenda Anding
Megan Freidhof	Shelly McAllister
Giorgio Gugliemino	Ethan Pepera
Lisa Peter	Donna Bruening
Ellie Lorenzo	Dick Franks
Annette Steffen	Marinus Mlady
Luther Govern	Ari Chambers-Baltz
Lonnie Dishinger	

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Cecelia Hall**; and **Tim Morgan**, brother of Mary Larson. 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

July 9, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 2,990.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 770.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 601.00

May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred—or sixty—or thirty-fold!

Thank You!

A Big Thank you to everyone who supported the Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard County Fair; the Raffle and the Moo Mobile in any way! It was another successful year!

Donations:	7,853.00	
Sales at Stand:	17,478.11	
Food Sales:	<u>2,294.50</u>	
Total Income:	27,625.61	27,625.61

Supplies:	7,074.44	
Postage/Adv./Misc.:	699.12	
Rent:	<u>776.36</u>	
Total Expenses:	8,549.92	8,549.92
Profit from Food Stand:		19,075.69

Profit from Moo Mobile:	1,426.00
Profit from Raffle:	1,505.00

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

Table of Plenty will begin next weekend, July 22-23. You may bring your extra produce to share to the front entrance of the church on Saturdays after 3:00 p.m. through Sunday morning, 10:00 a.m. All produce left after 10:00 mass will be donated to the food pantry. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations are given to the local food pantry.

Radio Rosary is broadcast every 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!

12th Annual Back to School and Family Clothing Give Away will be held on Aug. 3-5. Donations being taken through July 31st. You may drop off donations at Immanuel Lutheran Church of infant through adult/teen "gently used" and clean clothing, coats and shoes. Monetary donations always appreciated to buy new socks and underwear. Any questions, call 563 547-2108; Sue Easler at 563 379-9293 or Martha Rasmusson at 563 547-2423.

How do I become a member of the Catholic Church? If you or someone you know are inquiring into the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office at 563 547-3565 to receive information.

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.

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.

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 those who donate to the local food pantry through the Reverse Collection and other times.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the Notre Dame Tee Time for Technology Golf Tournament. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who toured the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit and also to those who helped with the Exhibit. Over 150 people toured the Exhibit while it was at Notre Dame. If you did not get to tour it our would like to take more time to read the banners, you can find them at: <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/>

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 available at the parish office.

1st Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 33, Spillville is holding their annual picnic potluck Sun., July 16 at the Spillville library, 11:30 a.m. Meat, beverages and table setting are furnished. Members and all their families are welcome.

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.

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

Volunteer with Catholic Charities - You can make a difference! Catholic Charities is looking for enthusiastic, service-oriented, and dedicated individuals to join our team as volunteers. We are seeking mentors and support group members to help clients through their journey out of poverty. Please visit our [website](#) for more information or to submit your online volunteer application. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Daniel Shafer (Waterloo/Mason City), at d.shafer@dbqarch.org or 319-272-2080 or Karen Hoeger (Dubuque) at k.hoeger@dbqarch.org or 563-588-0558

25th Annual Steeple Day, Sat. July 29, Lourdes, IA Activities include Tractor Pull at 10:00 a.m.; Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (11:00 a.m.); Garden Tractor Pull (time to be announced); Bingo (11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.); Visit to Our Lady of Lourdes "Stone City" (cemetery) with storytelling (1:30 p.m.); Mass at 4:00 p.m. Cash Raffle. Food available on grounds. For general information, contact Brad Shatek, 641 330-8646. Proceeds support parish projects and improvements.

A Prayer as we await a New Archbishop

O God, you send your Son,

Our Lord Jesus, as priest, prophet and king.

We thank you for your abundant blessings

Bestowed upon our Archdiocese,

And thank you for the ministry of Archbishop Jackels.

In your grace, send us a bishop like Jesus:

A priest of deep and true prayer,

A teacher with a loving heart and firm resolve,

And a shepherd of joy and peace

Who desires above all to do Your will.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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