

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 **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 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Today's parable from the Wisdom teaching of Jesus could be called "the parable of the two sowers." God sows the good seed, the devil scatters weed seed. And both grow together until harvest time. In other words, the reign of God, life with God, meets with constant opposition. Life with God for us as individuals and as a group is going to be difficult. "Satan" or the devil is around to cause difficulty for us and for the growth of God's reign.

It's a pretty common experience that what we'd like to do for our spiritual and personal growth gets side tracked. Sometimes even gets off the track all together. These are negative forces and powers that are outside us and inside us (the scriptures use the term "Satan") that frankly inhibit us from being our best selves.

Part of the thrust of the parable's lesson today is this realization of our wayward ways. Yet the seemingly confusing and "weedy" state of our existence is no cause for alarm. In the end, God will prevail, not Satan. The parable assures us of this.

Next week's readings:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Monday, July 24– No Mass. Pray for vocations

Tuesday, July 25

5:15 p.m. +Jim Kuhn

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 a.m. +Dave Herold

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Thursday July 27

9:00 a.m. +Zach Stapelkamp

Sacristan: Duane Heit

2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans +Larry Barnes

Friday, July 28

8:00 a.m. +Earl, Jim, Jerry Sexton

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, July 29 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Joe and Peggy Rouchka

EMHCs: Angie Kappes, Steve and Terry Duerre

Lector: Terry Duerre

Servers: Braylee Teeling, Leah Henkes

Music: Pam Daley, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Gretchen Laub, Carver Munkel

Hosts: Gretchen Laub, Carver Munkel

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Carver Munkel, Joe and Lynn Rose

Sacristan: Steve and Terry Duerre

Sunday, July 30

8:00 a.m. +Syl and Janette Opat

EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Joyce Jirak, Barb Martinek

Lector: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Servers: Lincoln and Brooks Manske

Music: LuAnn McCormick, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Pat and Mar Ollendieck

Hosts: Mike and Rachel Gooder

Ushers: David and Shannon Andera, Ken Hubka, Dick Jones

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

10:00 a.m. +Darrell and Michaela Riehle

EMHCs: Sheila Slifka, Tom and Connie Frana

Lector: Kayla Head, Rylee Kapler

Servers: Carley and Danny Kapler

Music: Joe Wacha, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Tim and Delrae Wolter, Jerry Wilson,

Brian McConnell

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

For those that love God there is only victory and victory for eternity.

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

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

Harold and Dorothy Grube Sanctuary Candle

Thomas, Agnes, Rita and Ruth Rinn Altar Bread

Andy Stika 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	Isaac Wiltgen

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 16, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,108.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,687.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 526.75

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

Card Party If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., July 24, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs., July 27, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Parish Family Picnic will be held on Wed., Aug. 2; 5:30 p.m., Notre Dame School Playground. Food and tableware will be provided. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Free to attend. Sponsored by the Family Ministry Committee.

Mark your calendars: Coffee/Cookies and Rolls will be served following the Masses on the weekend of Aug. 5-6. Enjoy food and fellowship.

Table of Plenty will begin this 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.

Notre Dame School has openings in Preschool and Playgroup For more information, call 563 547-4513.

St. Agnes Oratory annual Mass will be held Aug. 12, 6:00 p.m. Lunch following. All are welcome.

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.

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at www.me.org. Upcoming Experiences are September 22-24 in Dubuque, Iowa and April 12-14 in Epworth, Iowa.

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

Parent-to-Parent / Peer-to-Peer: Share the Special Journey The Archdiocese 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.

Enjoy great music in a beautiful setting when the Stringwood Young Artists (ages 12-22, some from Iowa) perform again at St. Wenceslaus, Spillville, 3 p.m. Saturday, August 12. Free and all invited. (The kids love an audience!) This year's performance includes Dvorak's Piano Quintet.

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 Sacristans.

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.

Thank you to the group that helped put the mulch around the school. It is greatly appreciated!

Cresco Community Blood Drive United Methodist Church Basement, Friday, Aug. 11, 12:00—5:00 p.m. For an appointment call Pat at 563 380-8954 or 1 800 RedCross or RedCrossBlood.org. Donors will be entered for a chance to win a Summer fun Grill Package

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.

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.

Stavanger Lutheran Church Drive Thru Dinner Sun., Aug. 6, 1/2 mi. south of Ossian on W 42 at Kenneth and Karen Ney, 1377 W 42, Ossian. Serving 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. smoked beef or smoked pork sandwiches, potatoes, baked beans, bars. Free Will Offering.

Hawki Insurance offers free or low cost health care and dental coverage for kids and teens under 19 years of age. Apply online at dhsservices.iowa.gov or call 855 889-7985. Questions - contact Hawki Member Services at 800 257-8563 or go to <https://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki>

Assumption Parish of Little Turkey will be celebrating their annual church dinner on Tuesday, August 15th. Mass at 3:00 pm. Meal will be served 4:00-8:00 pm. \$15 per meal - 3 piece chicken, real mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dressing, corn, coleslaw, kolache, cookies (outdoor dining only, carry-out or drive-thru). Music, Games, Bingo, Kolache Sales, Raffle, and Facebook Auction. For more information go to the parish facebook page: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Little Turkey, Iowa"

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.
(Prayer cards available in the brochure stand)

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