

Notre Dame Parish

Cresco, Iowa

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*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord;*

*my spirit rejoices
in God my savior."*

Luke 1.46-47



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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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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.

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

The lake of Galilee is not very large, but major winds sweeping across it can stir up some big waves.

After the dramatic story of feeding the thousands of people with fish and bread we are told an even more dramatic story. Jesus takes a break, and bids his disciples to cross the lake to the other side. These professional fisherman and boaters suddenly find themselves in a major storm, and the boat is near to capsizing. At this very point, in their worst fears and anxiety, Jesus comes to them walking on the water! They cry out in amazement and fear. But he finally gets them to calm down; and calms down the ferocious winds so that the lake subsides.

This major work of power was for the disciples' sake: that they might place all their trust and faith in Jesus. The storm on the lake was minor stuff compared to the storms that were to come into Jesus' life and their lives later on. They would need—as we all do at times—every ounce of faith in the Lord they could muster.

Remembering the power he showed on the lake should help the faith.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

Monday, Aug. 14—No Mass. Pray for vocations.

**Tuesday, Aug. 15—Feast of the Assumption
Holyday of Obligation**

5:15 p.m. +Thomas, Agnes, Rita, Ruth Rinn
EMHCs: Gary and Janel Langreck, Jerry O'Donnell
Lector: Gary Langreck, Jerry O'Donnell
Servers: Lincoln and Brooks Manske
Music: Katie Ferrie, Wendy Schatz
Greeters: Gary and Janel Langreck
Hosts: Galen and Lavon Fye
Ushers: Nick and Ava Ferrie, Quentin and Darlene Vsetecka
Sacristan: Duane Heit

Wednesday, Aug. 16

8:00 a.m. +Ben Phillips
Music: Jed Becker
Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Thursday Aug. 17

9:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Hudson
Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros
2:00 p.m. Mass at Accura +Doris Ferrie

Friday, Aug. 18

8:00 a.m. +Adrian and Betty Schatz
Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, Aug. 19 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Deanne Webb
EMHCs: Lisa Kimball, Vicki McGee, Becky McGee
Lector: Marlene Quinn
Servers: Leah Henkes, Brynlie Hvitved
Music: Pam Daley, Darlene Vsetecka
Greeters: Anna Mae Christianson, Barb Prochaska
Hosts: Barbara Prochaska, Bootie Kapler
Ushers: Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda, Jim Murphy
Sacristan: Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

Sunday, Aug. 20

8:00 a.m. +Robert Malli
EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Julie Wilson, Mae Davis
Lector: Bill and Connie Sindelar
Servers: Julianne Fisk, Carly Miller
Music: LuAnn McCormick, Jamie Fisk
Greeters: Bart and Julie Wilson
Hosts: Bart and Julie Wilson
Ushers: David and Shannon Andera, Dale and Lynette Andera
Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

10:00 a.m. +Donnie Aberg

EMHCs: Tracy Hart, Jed and Joyce Becker
Lector: Tracy Hart, Jed Becker
Servers: Preston Daley, Addison Bohr
Music: Joe Wacha, Deb Moellers
Greeters: Jim and Val Rink
Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks
Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Matt Daley family
Sacristan: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for October through March is being compiled. If you would like to begin a ministry or discontinue serving as a liturgical minister, please contact the parish office

In Memory

Francis Hyke; Francis Bouska	Sanctuary Candle
Joe and Peggy Rouchka	Altar Bread
Jim Kuennen	Altar Wine
Leoba Dotzler	Missalettes (Aug.)

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
Giorgio Gugliemino	Shelly McAllister
Lisa Peter	Ethan Pepera
Ellie Lorenzo	Donna Bruening
Annette Steffen	Dick Franks
Luther Govern	Marinus Mlady
Lonnie Dishinger	Ari Chambers-Baltz
Stu Gordon	Kevin Neuzil
Marcie Huhe	Deb Wilkins

Our sympathy...

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Ida Morse**, mother of Vicki McGee. Eternal rest grant unto her, 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

Aug. 6, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,723.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 770.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 598.49

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

Card Party If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., Aug. 14, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Circles of Faith will meet on Monday, Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

Baptism Class: If you are preparing to have your child baptized and have not attended a Baptism Class in the past three years, you need to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism takes place. Please note this class is offered 4 times a year. Please plan accordingly to attend a class before the date you wish to celebrate the sacrament. The next class will be held on Mon., Aug. 14, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church. Please call the parish office to register, 563 547-3565.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., Aug. 15, 7:00 p.m., KC Room.

Open House/Back to School Conference Grades K-5 Aug. 17 and Aug. 21, Noon—7:00 p.m.
Classes for grades K—5 begin Wed., Aug. 23.

Playgroup/Preschool Open House Aug. 29 or Aug. 30, 3:30—6:00 p.m. *Openings available in Playgroup/Preschool.* Playgroup and Preschool classes begin Tues., Sept. 5. For additional information call 563 547-4513; www.tinyurl.com/ndcschool

Kids Club at Notre Dame School is looking for someone to do the program from 3:10—5:30 p.m. on school days. For more information and to apply, contact Katie Schmitt at Notre Dame School, 563 547-4513.

School Supplies Giving Tree There will be a Giving Tree for school supplies for the Notre Dame School teachers in the front entrance of the church. Take a tag and return the item to the parish office by Aug. 16.

Table of Plenty is available this weekend. 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

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.

Czech Days Parade, Saturday, August 19, at 10:30 am in Protivin—For entries, please contact Farmer's Mill at 563-569-8501 or Koshatka Farm Equipment at 563-569-8636.

Holy Trinity Parish's 45th Annual Czech Days celebration will be held August 18-20. The weekend festivities include fireworks, volleyball, softball, and bean bag tournaments, kid's games, bingo, cakewalk, great music, parade at 10:30 am on Saturday, polka Mass at 10:30 am on Sunday, raffle and auction, and great food at the Community Center. Come to Protivin and Czech it out!"

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 Catholic School Board.

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.

Notre Dame School needs two individuals to work as custodians from 3:30—7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to apply, call Phil at 563 203-0710.

You're Invited to Join the Archdiocese of Dubuque's IMPACT Program! IMPACT is a two-year formation program for any adult Catholics seeking to grow in their faith. Through spiritual reading, dynamic presenters, engaging discussions, prayer experiences, and personal reflection, participants are inspired to respond more fully to Jesus' call to mission—to IMPACT our world! The next offering of the Archdiocese's IMPACT program will meet monthly (on Saturdays) at Resurrection School in Dubuque, starting in September 2023. To learn more, visit: www.dbqarch.org/impact. The application deadline is August 28th

Presentation at German-America Museum Wed., Aug. 16th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Lili Gross of Eldorado will be the guest speaker at the Museum in St. Lucas. The presentation is called: "From Bessarabia, Moldova to Eldorado, Iowa: A Harrowing Family Journey", Lili will share the Rauter family's forced relocation from Moldova, harrowing journey across Romania, then Hungary, Austria, Germany into Poland during WW II only to fall into Soviet occupied eastern Germany when the war ended. The family endured excruciating Soviet removal policies, harsh wartime and cold war experiences. The journey continues finally ending up in Eldorado, Iowa where the family prospered. The presentation will be followed by informal conversation, refreshments and cookies.

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

Assumption Parish of Little Turkey will be celebrating their annual chicken dinner on Tues., Aug. 15. Mass at 3:00 pm. Meal served 4:00-8:00 pm. \$15 per meal (outdoor dining only, carry-out or drive-thru). For more information go to the parish facebook page: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Little Turkey, Iowa"

Knights of Columbus Council #1571 "NEWS FLASH"!! The membership 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.

Cresco Community Blood Drive Wed., Aug. 23, 12:00—5:30 p.m. VFW Hall. To make an appointment text LIFESERVE to 999.777 or call 800.287.4903 or visit lifeserve.info/schedule

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>

Trust and understanding of self worth are the two things that lead to happiness and the most basic principles of Christianity.

When someone cannot trust, when someone feels worthless, how can that person be happy?

Your role as an individual in society is to be honest so as to invoke trust, and to compliment and thank others for helping you, or bringing joy to your life, so as to encourage the self esteem of all.

If you want a successful and happy relationship foster an understanding of self worth and honesty.

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