

Notre Dame Parish

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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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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 **Nov. 13, 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.

October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

What is a good steward?

Grateful: Thanking God daily for the blessings he or she has received. A good steward never stops saying, "Thank You".

Responsible: With the blessings that God has bestowed; not only using them prudently, but also making sure that they don't wither away. It's that way with some gifts, isn't it? Think about the gift of music. A musician needs to continue to work with the gift of music or it will fade away. It's that way with every gift, especially the gift of faith. Parents are good stewards when they care for, protect and nurture their children's natural aptitude for faith, beginning in early childhood.

Sharing: A good steward knows that it is better to give than to receive, for in giving we receive far more than we could ever have imagined.

Accountable: Remember the parable of the stewards to whom the master had entrusted the silver pieces? They had to render an account of their stewardship. One day, you and I will have to stand in accountability before the judgement seat of God.

And God will ask: "What did you do with all the time that you had? What did you do with all the gifts that I gave you? What did you do with your life?"

Hopefully we will be able to say, "Lord, I tried to thank you every day. I tried to be responsible with those gifts. And I tried to share those gifts with others."

May He respond, "*Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Master*" (Mt. 25:21)

Next week's readings:

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Monday, Oct. 23—No Mass. Pray for vocations

Tuesday, Oct. 24

5:15 p.m. +Ray Murray

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, Oct. 25

8:00 a.m. +Jim Kuhn

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Donna Ryant

Thursday Oct. 26

9:00 a.m. +Thomas, Agnes, Rita and Ruth Rinn

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans Assisted Living +James Balk

Friday, Oct. 27

8:00 a.m. +Arlene Kurchek

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Oct. 28 Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Monica Newman

EMHCs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Alanda Meyer

Lector: Marlene Quinn

Servers: Braylee Teeling

Music: Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

Greeters: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Hosts: Melvin and Mardell Sobolik

Ushers: Steve Duerre, Joey Reinhart, Jim Murphy,
Ray Schwarzhoff

Sacristan: Karen Hyke and Joey Reinhart

Sunday, Oct. 29

8:00 a.m. +Marlene Wemark

EMHCs: Boyd Turnbull, Julie Wilson, Barb Martinek

Lector: Julie Wilson, Boyd Turnbull

Servers: Claire and James Kach

Music: LuAnn McCormick, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Mae Davis, Sheila Grabau

Hosts: Bart and Julie Wilson

Ushers: Bart and Julie Wilson, Richard Neubauer,
Tony Roberts

Sacristan: Boyd Turnbull

10:00 a.m. +Richard "Dick" Vrzak

EMHCs: Jerry O'Donnell, Joyce Becker, Michelle Midthus

Lector: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Joe Wacha, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Jolene Trachta, Kathy McCarville

Hosts: Jerry and Wanda Reicks

Ushers: Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Kathy McCarville,
Sue Sovereign

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

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.

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 and in church the weekend of Nov. 4-5.

In Memory

For all babies and children in heaven **Sanctuary Candle**

Marlene Wemark **Altar Bread**

Mary Jane Hudson **Altar Wine**

Lorraine Munkel **Missalettes (Oct.)**

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	Kevin Neuzil
Mary Stejskal	John Gossman
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Beverly Koshatka
Janice Ries	Brenda Anding
Stu Gordon	Shelly McAllister
Lisa Peter	Ethan Pepera
Ellie Lorenzo	Colleen Voves
Deb Wilkins	Donna Bruening
Luther Govern	Dick Franks
Lonnie Dishinger	Marinus Mlady
Audrey Grinhaus	

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 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

Oct. 15, 2023

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 10,946.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,712.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 595.00

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

Stewardship Booklets "Why & How Much Should I Be Giving To the Church, To the Poor" are available for you in the front entrance of the church.

Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting will be held on Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m., parish hall. **Confirmation Session** will be held on Wed., Oct. 25, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame School Media Center.

Blessing of Babies Join us Oct. 21-22 at all the masses for a special blessing of children ages 3 and under.

Card Party If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

October Youth Group Sessions Middle School Grades 6-8 will meet on **Monday, Oct. 23** from 6:30—7:30 p.m. Join us in the parish hall for an evening of prayer, games, snacks and fun. These are not class sessions! Participants do not need to be parishioners to attend. Adult chaperones needed. Contact Brian McGee at b.mcgee@dbqarch.org for more information.

First Reconciliation meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 25, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs., Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

Notre Dame School Spook-Tacular Book Fair will start on Oct.25 and end on Nov.1. Hours: Oct.25 & 26 from 8:30 am-7:00 pm; Oct. 27 8:30 am - 4:00 pm; Oct.28 after 4:00 pm Mass; Oct.29 after 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses; Oct.30 8:30 am - 7:00 pm; Oct.31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm; Nov.1 8:30 am till Noon. *Look what's brewing at Notre Dame Catholic School's Spook-Tacular Book Fair. There will be some howling good books for all ages! Who doesn't go batty for a good book? They make great birthday and holiday gifts. So come check out our reading patch in the Thomson library, it doesn't cost you anything to look at, unless we put a spell on you.*

Family Ministry will meet on Tues., Oct. 24, 5:00 p.m.

Mother Daughter Tea Party Sun., Nov. 5, 1:00—2:30 p.m., Notre Dame Parish Hall. All mothers and daughters are welcome to join us for an afternoon of refreshments and activities. Based on St. Therese of Lisieux's "Little Way" Contact the parish office with questions, 563 547-3565 or email b.mcgee@dbqarch.org

Mental Illness Awareness Mass Sun., Oct. 29, 2:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Cedar Rapids. Anyone who experiences mental illness, their families, friends, caregivers and mental health care providers are welcome. Reception, brief presentation (A Resilient Life/Di's Story) and fellowship after Mass. Also livestreamed: www.facebook.com/stpatrickr

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.

The 38th Annual Northeast Iowa Holiday Craft and Bake Sale will be held Saturday Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Decorah High School. There is no admission charge. This event is sponsored by Decorah Music Boosters.

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 those who help with parish mailings.

We welcome Isabelle Rose Brennan, Alexander John Brennan and Oscar Patrick Brennan children of Arthur and Terri Brennan who were baptized at Notre Dame on Oct. 15.



The Early Childhood Park (SE corner of the big playground) needs some new play equipment. We are looking for donations to help us place two new play pieces in the park for \$700. If you would like to help us with this project, please drop off your donation at the school. If you have questions, please contact Julie Haskovec (jhaskovec@nd.pvt.k12.ia.us).

Save the Date: Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith St. Cecilia Circle Turkey Dinner will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:00—7:00 p.m. serving turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, sauerkraut, cranberries, rolls, dessert and pies. Carryout Only. \$14.00.

St. Benedict Church Meatball Supper Thurs., Oct. 26, 4:00—6:30 p.m. -drive thru or carry out-\$13/meal. Meatballs, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, green beans, rolls and bars.

Immanuel Lutheran Fall Festival Dinner, Sun., Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Curbside only. Pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, corn, cranberries, roll and pie. Limited number of tickets. Tickets available at Ox & Wren, Angie's Beauty Shop and Immanuel Lutheran Church Office. \$15.00

Waucoma Historical Society Turkey Dinner October 28 from 11 - 1:00 at the Waucoma Event Center. Tickets \$15.00, children ages 5 - 10 \$7.00, ages four and under free. Dine in or carry out. Tickets available at the door or at Bank Iowa and FBH Gas and Goods in Waucoma

Wouldn't you like to save money on your 2023 Iowa income taxes?

As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help income qualifying families choose Catholic education while saving big on your taxes. To see how an STO donation can **minimize or even eliminate your Iowa income tax bill**, a sample tax scenario is on our website www.OurFaithSTO.org. The STO is good for families, and good for you! For more information, talk to your tax professional or financial advisor, or call Steve Kane, Our Faith STO Director, at 563-552-0297

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.

Cresco Wildlife Club BINGO a non profit organization is resuming Bingo on Sun., Nov. 5, doors open at noon with Bingo at 1:00 p.m.

15th Annual Veteran's Banquet Sat., Nov. 11, Expo Center. 5:00 p.m. Social hour, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. Program. Advance Tickets only. Adults \$20.00/under 12 \$15.00. Tickets available at Cresco Chamber, CUSB, CB&T, Cindy Yslas, 719 237-6102 or Mark Grinhaus 563 379-7552. Sponsored by American Legion Post 135 and Vetrans of Foreign Wars Post 4561 and Auxiliaries of Cresco.

October is Prenatal and Infant Loss Awareness Month.



Notre Dame Parish offers trained volunteers to support families who have experienced life limiting prenatal diagnosis, miscarriage, stillbirth, or death of an infant recently or years ago through the Archdiocese of Dubuque "Behold

Your Child" Ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more information about this free and confidential service.

We also encourage those who experience this loss to light a vigil candle in the front of church in their memory throughout the month of October.

NOTRE DAME
PARISH

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tease Your Brain to
Win the Grand Prize

Friday,
November 17th

Notre Dame Parish Hall
Game Starts at: 6:30pm
Game concludes at: 8:00pm

Doubles and Mulligans available
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All funds raised will go to the Notre Dame
Parish Youth Ministry Program.

\$20

per Team of 8
or \$2.50 per
person. Teams
welcome to bring
their own snacks.
Alcohol is
prohibited!

Contact Brian McGee with any questions

b.mcgee@dbqarch.org

Registration forms available in the
back of church.

Trivia Night Team Registration Form

May be completed in advance or
night of the event.

Team Name: _____

Team Members:

Player One: _____

Player Two: _____

Player Three: _____

Player Four: _____

Player Five: _____

Player Six: _____

Player Seven: _____

Player Eight: _____

Individual Participants:

My Name: _____

Would you like assistance from Parish staff in
finding a Team to join (Circle) YES NO

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