

# 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 **Feb. 12, 2024**. 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.

**November 26, 2023**

## ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

*Ezekiel 34:11-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46*

“After that will come the end. . .and he will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father.”

The end. . .of the Church's liturgical year; . . .of the world—where God brings all things under His sovereign rule.

This is the focus today: world history is moving toward a culmination point. All of history moves in the direction of God's final and total sovereignty. The sovereignty has already begun, to a degree, in the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Followers of Jesus share in the triumph to the degree they live lives free from sin and the works of death.

We can long for and pray for that time when God reigns supreme and all evil is overcome. Today's feast is meant to propel that longing and to impel us to cry out: “Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home; gather all your people in. . .”

*Next week's readings:*

*Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*

*The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**Monday, Nov. 27—No Mass. Pray for vocations**

**Tuesday, Nov. 28—Mass**

**5:15 p.m.** +Louie Balk

**Sacristan:** Duane Heit

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

**8:00 a.m.** +Bette Offerman

**Sacristan:** Roger and Elaine Kleve

**6:15 p.m. Teaching About the Mass—**Everyone is welcome

**Thursday, Nov. 30 Mass**

**9:00 a.m.** +Ben Sir

**Sacristan:** Stan and Connie Kepros

**2:00 p.m. Mass at Evans Home** +Edith Bigalk

**Friday, Dec. 1**

**8:00 a.m.** +Tom Gebel

**Sacristan:** Bill and Connie Sindelar

**Saturday, Dec. 2—Mass in church and livestreamed**

**4:00 p.m.** +Monica Newman

**EMHCs:** Jim and Anne Ott, Duane Heit

**Lector:** Cheryl Brannon

**Servers:** Braylee Teeling

**Music:** Harlan Larson, Mary Larson

**Greeters:** Galen and Lavon Fye

**Hosts:** Jim and Anne Ott

**Ushers:** Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda, Melvin Sobolik

**Sacristan:** Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

**8:00 a.m.** +Nancy Lou Hruska

**EMHCs:** Frank and Donna Ryant, Barb Martinek

**Lector:** Jim Truka, Carol Foley

**Servers:** Lincoln and Brooks Manske

**Music:** Dee Hosek, Jamie Fisk

**Greeters:** Dale and Lynette Andera

**Hosts:** Dale and Lynette Andera

**Ushers:** Dale and Lynette Andera, Ken Hruska, Ken Hubka

**Sacristan:** Frank and Donna Ryant

**10:00 a.m.** +Sheri Conlan

**EMHCs:** Patty Elsbernd, Don and Kris Dietzenbach

**Lector:** Kayla Head, Nita Hackman

**Servers:** Jack Keller, Madelyn Oppriecht

**Music:** Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

**Greeters:** Jim and Val Rink

**Hosts:** Curtis Head Family

**Ushers:** Jerry and Wanda Reicks, Matt Daley Family

**Sacristan:** Jerry and Wanda Reicks

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**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 weekends of **December 2-3; 9-10; 16-17.**

**Book of Remembrance** will be on Mary's Altar for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones during the month of November.

**Notre Dame Children and Youth Choirs are seeking new members!** The Children's Choir is open to all students in grades 1-6, and leads the community in song during Masses throughout the year: Sign up at: <https://notredamecresco.com/liturgical-ministry>

**In Memory**

Larry Voves

Sanctuary Candle and  
Altar Bread and Wine

Leonard and Cecilia Kapler

Missalettes (Nov.)

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**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

Leona Herold

Connie Frana

Dick Franks

Lonnie Dishinger

Marinus Mlady

Audrey Grinhaus

Bill Rink

Luther Govern

*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](mailto: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**

**November 19, 2023**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,750.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 7,012.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 7,737.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 482.75

*When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.*

**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.

**2024 Budget Boxes and Calendars** are available in the elevator lobby. Please take a minute and pick up your envelopes to save the parish the expense of mailing them. Note: If you participate in ACH, Gifts of Grain or Gifts from your IRA, you do not have a budget box unless requested. Any questions, please call the parish office.

**Giving Tree** is available in the front entrance of the church. Please take a tag and return the unwrapped item with the tag to the **parish office** by Monday, Dec. 4. Thank you!

**Card Party** If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., Nov. 27, 1:30PM, Notre Dame Church Hall.

**Cookies with Santa!** Join us on Friday, December 1st for a soup supper and cookies with Santa in the church hall from 5:30—7:00 p.m.! This event will feature Children's activities, writing letters to Santa, music and an opportunity to meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and one of Santa's favorite elves! Contact Brian McGee for more information at [b.mcgee@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.mcgee@dbqarch.org)

**St. Andrew's Circle will be hosting a meal and Bingo on Saturday, December 9th.** A meal will be served at 5PM in the Parish Hall of pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, and a dessert for \$8/plate. Bingo will follow the meal from 5:30-7:30PM for \$.50/card. For more information, contact Alanda Meyer at 563-419-5680 or Karen Stevenson at 641-330-9789.

**Finding Light, Hope & Healing** "Finding Light, Hope, and Healing" is our new parish ministry that is open to all who are newly separated and divorced, those still struggling with issues many years later, and children of divorced/separated parents. Trained parish ministers are ready to walk with you on an individual basis by providing a listening ear, helpful resources and guidance. For more information, contact Melanie Vobr at the Parish Office by calling 563-547-3565 or emailing [m.vobr@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.vobr@dbqarch.org).

**Adult Winter Dance** Join us Saturday, January 13th from 6:00PM—Midnight at the Heritage Event Center (229 3rd Ave. W., Cresco) for our Adult Winter Dance! This event is open to anyone age 18 and older and features a catered meal from McAllister's, cash bar, and great music! Dress code is business-casual. Tickets required for admittance. Tickets available for individuals or couples at the Parish Office. Contact Brian McGee for more information at [b.mcgee@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.mcgee@dbqarch.org).

**Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed** Do you know any college age men and women who would be great role models for younger Catholics? The Archdiocese is looking for college-aged disciples of Jesus to serve on teams with other men and women like them during the summer of 2024. This is a paid position with training and most expenses provided during the summer. Please encourage anyone who would be excellent at this to apply. Application information can be found at [www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus](http://www.dbqarch.org/Totus-Tuus). Please contact Joanne Pohland ([j.pohland@dbqarch.org](mailto:j.pohland@dbqarch.org)) with any questions.

### **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 Finance Council.*



**We welcome Everly Kay and Blakely Louise Numedahl**, daughters of Tyler and Emily Numedahl; and **Jamason Douglas Campbell**, son of Andrew and Ashley Campbell who was baptized at Notre Dame on November 19.

**Parenting Conference Online** Notre Dame Parish has additional online access codes for recordings of the October 28<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Parenting Conference! We are asking \$20 per online conference code. Visit the Archdiocesan Parenting Conference website at <https://dbqarch.org/parenting-conference> for more information! Please contact Brian McGee at [b.mcgee@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.mcgee@dbqarch.org) if interested!

**The 75% Tax Credit sounds too good to be true, but it's not.** If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) receive a 75% tax credit. For example, if you expect to owe \$1500 in Iowa income tax, you can donate \$2000 to the STO and receive a \$1500 tax credit (\$2000 x 75%); this leaves you owing \$0 dollars on your Iowa income taxes. In addition, your gift may qualify for federal deductibility. But let's not forget that the \$2000 you've given will provide tuition assistance for qualifying families in the Archdiocese. For more information, talk to your tax professional or financial advisor, or call Steve Kane, Our Faith STO Director, at 563-552-0297.

**Archbishop Zinkula has granted Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church** in Waterloo to be an official Eucharistic Pilgrimage Site for the Archdiocese of Dubuque for a six month period from Monday, December 4, 2023 (1st Monday of Advent) through Sunday, June 2, 2024 (Corpus Christi). This is the only church in the archdiocese named for the Blessed Sacrament. More details to come, but the church will be open for all pilgrims to visit from Monday through Friday 8:30am - 9:00pm and Saturday from 8:30am - 4:00pm (just before Mass). The Eucharist will be exposed during these times for pilgrims to spend in adoration and prayer. Every Thursday, there will be extra opportunities for confession at various times, a Marian prayer group in the afternoon, and healing prayer ministry during the evening. Finally, pilgrims will have an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence related to the Eucharist for coming to Blessed Sacrament.

**Christmas Reflections 2023:** "Christmas Reflections Open House" will be held Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th at the German-American Museum in St. Lucas from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. 1891 Financial Life (formerly National Catholic Society of Foresters) has awarded a financial grant to the event. Come enjoy new historic displays, Christmas décor, music, the famous "attic", St. Nick and Christmas movies in the chapel. Delicious soups and ham sandwiches will be served along with cookies, cider and coffee. Suggested donation 15.00. Annual event sponsored by the St. Lucas Historical Society.

**First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association** will hold their annual Christmas party potluck on Sunday, December 3rd, at the Spillville Library at 201 Oak Street beginning at 11:30 am. All members and their families are invited. Potluck dinner begins at noon. Our branch will supply spiral ham, hot dogs, refreshments, coffee and place settings. There will be door prizes, games, crafts, and Santa visit. Contact Becky Kuhn, secretary, at 563-562-9043 with any questions.

**Protivin Legion Post 605** will have a cod fish fry at McAllisters in Cresco on Friday, Dec. 1. Serving 4-8 p.m. Dine in or carry out. \$17. The legion auxiliary will have a bake sale at the same time.

**Pro-Life Meeting**, Tuesday, December 5, 10:30am at St. Benedict Parish Hall. We will be discussing and planning our Spring Conference.

*Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you. It is by this that all men will know that you are my disciples." It is this love that gives us our identity as Christians. Have you lost your identity as a Christian in the middle of the world? Do you need to rediscover your identity as a Christian?*

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