

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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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 **May 6, 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.

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Most of us would like God to “appear” in some way or other—so that we could be sure. If God would just make Himself known to us—more manifest, more power, more glory somehow. Then I would put my whole trust in God. These obscure things like sacraments, or even the wonders of nature—they’re okay, but. . .

Are we not like the folks in the Bible? We want the “voice from heaven,” the special sign, the certain powerful manifestation. And, just like the people we read about in the Bible, after they saw and experienced God’s wondrous signs they drifted off into old ways nonetheless.

Part of that drifting back into old patterns was not that they didn’t believe. Oh, sure, they did. But it was what the “voice out of the clouds” asked of them that became too much to endure. The revelation was great. What the Revealer expected of those who saw and heard was another matter: listen and obey.

Lent teaches us, in part, that Jesus is God’s chosen one—born to bring salvation to all the nations. We like that revelation. Lent also invites us to listen to him—in the heart, which flows into deeds; deeds that follow his way of self-sacrifice. Liking that part is another matter indeed.

Next week’s readings:

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

We can be confident that, in Jesus, God is not against us but always on our side.

Monday, Feb. 26—No Mass. Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, Feb. 27—Mass

5:15 p.m. +Rusty and Dorothy Barnes

Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Stations of the Cross: Jed Becker

Wednesday, Feb. 28—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Gerald Bohr

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Thursday, Feb. 29—school mass

9:00 a.m. +Craig Ollendieck

Sacristan: Joyce Jirak

Friday, March 1—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Jodi Kappes

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer—United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 2—Mass in church and livestreamed

4:00 p.m. +Rusty and Dorothy Barnes

EMHCs: Becky McGee, Mary Larson, Marlene Quinn

Lector: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Braylee Teeling

Music: Pam Daley, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: Gretchen Laub

Hosts: Gretchen Laub

Ushers: Gretchen Laub, Jim Murphy, Melvin Sobolik

Sacristan: Harlan and Mary Larson

Sunday, March 3—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Nestor and Dolly Reicks

EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Wayne and Kelly Mashek

Lectors: Ken Hubka, Carol Foley

Servers: Lincoln and Brooks Manske

Music: Katie Ferrie, Wendy Schatz

Greeters: David and Elaine Bergan

Hosts: Mike and Rachel Gooder

Ushers: Alisha Carolan, Ken Hruska, Ken Hubka,
Tony Roberts

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. +Tom Kleve

EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd, Sheila Slifka, Michelle Midthus

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Jim and Val Rink

Hosts: Curtis Head Family

Ushers: Matt Daley Family, Don Dietzenbach Family

Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

The commandments tell us what we shall not do. Our Savior says what we shall do: love.

Word Among Us Booklets are available for you to use during Lent.

Bible Study Wednesday Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, March 6, with Duane Heit talking on “Christmas, the Catholic Church and Ecuador.” Following Wednesdays we will be discussing the upcoming weekend Mass readings. Bible Study meets every Wednesday in the Joseph Room in the parish office. All are welcome to attend either the 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. session. No need to preregister, no required homework.

In Memory

Kay Eckerman Sanctuary Candle/Altar Bread

Darrell and Michaeleen Riehle Altar Wine

Ed and Joyce Barloon Missalettes (Feb.)

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
Luther Govern	Kevin Neuzil
Mary Stejskal	John Gossman
Paula Growden	Pat Smith
Randy Smith	Brenda Anding
Janice Ries	Shelly McAllister
Stu Gordon	Ethan Pepera
Lisa Peter	Colleen Voves
Ellie Lorenzo	Leona Herold
Deb Wilkins	Dick Franks
Connie Frana	Marinus Mlady
Lonnie Dishinger	Bill Rink
Audrey Grinhaus	Ken Hruska
Matt Duerre	Axel Heller
Roger Malli	Ron Scanlan
Betty Linderman	

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Steve Kelly**, brother of Nancy Martin. Eternal rest grant unto him, 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 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

February 18, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,872.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,522.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 630.47

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

40 Items—40 Days Lenten Challenge Instead of giving something up for Lent this year, why not try the 40 items—40 days challenge? Each day of Lent, remove one gently used item from your house, which you don't use or wear anymore and place it in a bag. At the end of Lent, donate these items to those in need. (This is a personal challenge, and you can personally decide where to donate your items. *Please do NOT drop them off at the Parish Office or in church*).

The Saint Brigid of Kildare Saint Family at Notre Dame School has organized a coin collection drive to honor Saint Brigid's generosity. The students have collected coins to be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Saint Brigid Saint Family has invited the congregation to participate in this coin collection drive with a second collection this weekend. Thank you!

Card Party If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Family Ministry Committee will meet on Tues., Feb. 27, 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class will be held on Wed., Feb. 28, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame School.

World Day of Prayer will be held at the Cresco First United Methodist Church on Friday, March 1, 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

2024-2025 Preschool/Playgroup Open House Registration Tuesday, March 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Preschool (must be 4 yrs. old by Sept. 15: AM Session M-T-Th-F 8:20-11:10; PM Session M-T-Th-F 12:10-3:10 Free Tuition funded by the State of Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program. 5th Day Option: Wed. 8:10-11:10 \$52/month tuition Playgroup (must be 3 yrs. old by Sept. 15 and toilet trained): M-W 8:15-10:30; T-Th 8:15-10:30 \$880/month tuition. Curriculum presented in a Christian learning environment. All denominations welcome! Transportation offered through NEICAC for a fee. For more information call 563 547-4513 or www.tinyurl.com/ndcschool

"Daddy Daughter Dance—Calling all fathers and father figures! On Sunday, March 10th the Family Ministry Committee will be hosting our Daddy Daughter Dance from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Parish Hall! Join us for an evening of music, dining, pictures, and crafts. Open to all girls 12 and under. Please RSVP at <https://notredamecresco.com/family-ministry>

Be the Light for Those in Need: At Catholic Charities, we have the privilege of renewing hope when all seems lost. For those who are elderly, disabled, struggling with mental illness, separated from their families, incarcerated, facing homelessness and altogether isolated, we are here. Your gift directly impacts families in Northeast Iowa. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and contribute to the Annual Appeal today. Learn more at: <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/annualappeal>

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 Greeters.

Congratulations Scott Kach who was received into the Catholic Church on February 18, 2024.

Save the Date for the 2024 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men's Conference! Each year, men from throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque gather to learn, pray, share and build relationships. The 2024 Men's Conference will feature John Edwards from Just A Guy in the Pew as the keynote speaker, Archbishop Thomas Zinkula as the celebrant at Mass, Breakout Sessions and more. The conference will take place on Sat., March 9 from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church (4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402). Notre Dame Parish will host a virtual viewing of the conference the week after on March 16th from 9-1:30 in the hall. For more information and to register, go to <https://notredamecresco.com/mens-conference>

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, Plantpeddler and Kwik Star.) Cards available at the parish office and in church **March 2-3**.

Holy Family Soup Festival, Sunday, February 25, 4:30-6:30 pm at Holy Family Hynes Hall 202 N Broadway, New Hampton, IA. We will be serving Chili, Chicken Noodle and Cheese soup, with sandwiches, bars, and cookies. Tickets for dine in are \$12 per person and can be purchased at the door or the Holy Family Pastoral Office. Children 5 and under are free.

The Calmar/Springfield Luther League invites you to our 2nd Annual Spring Fever on Saturday, March 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. held at the Calmar Lutheran Church in Calmar, Iowa.

BINGO Sun., Feb. 25 at the Calmar Lutheran Church. \$20 for your first card; each add'l card \$5; 20 games. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. with BINGO starting at 3:00 p.m. Concession items available for purchase.

Trinity Catholic School "Best of the Best" Art & Writing Show & Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast Sun, March 3, 8:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m. Protivn Comm. Center. Menu: Belgian Waffles, Sausage links, juice, coffee and milk. Protivn Girl Scout Troop 1463 will also be selling Girl Scout Cookies. Proceeds to Trinity Catholic School.

Mental Health Matters Emma Benoit is a national speaker is a suicide survivor who travels the U.S. sharing her struggle with mental health (all youth need to be accompanied by an adult). She will speak on March 5, at the New Hampton High School (Middle School Gym), 6:00—8:30 p.m. Free will Meal provided. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Spring Card Party will be held on Sunday March 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the Assumption Catholic Church basement, Little Turkey, IA. Your choice of playing 500 or Euchre. Admission is \$5 and includes lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Pray Always. . .

Jesus calls us to follow him, which demands that we imitate his example and accompany him on his journey to God. During this Lent, let us adopt the practices of his new way of living—prayer, fasting and almsgiving and service—to deepen our commitment to live as he did. Use these Bible passages each day to deepen your relationship with Jesus and then take time to open your heart and speak with him.

Pray Always:

Sunday: Luke 5:15-15
Monday: Luke 6:12-13
Tuesday: Matthew 6:9-13
Wednesday: Mark 14:38
Thursday: Matthew 6:5-6
Friday: Luke 6:27-28
Saturday: Matthew 5:44

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