

# 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.

**March 24, 2024**

## ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

*Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47*

This is a remarkable Sunday on which we are invited by the Church to reflect on our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and on his trial, humiliation and death.

We tend to think of these as very much opposites. The first scene we are presented with is the entry into Jerusalem. There is a sense of triumph and victory; there is the shouting of "Hosannas" and the waving of palm branches. The king comes into his city—the Lord and Master, the Son of the great king David. The second scene is the desolation of the trial and mockery and crucifixion. This seems anything but triumphant.

And yet the two events are not so opposite at a deeper level. Indeed, at a level below the appearances they are the same: the God of peace and reconciliation is bringing that peace through the one designated to do so: Jesus of Nazareth. The peace the Son of David brings is the triumph of forgiveness and non-violent love which is only effected by Jesus' death on the cross. The cross does not indicate defeat, but triumph.

This Passion/Palm Sunday introduces us into a week long meditation of God's redemptive love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Next week's readings:*

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9*

*Hosanna to the Son of David! O blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**Monday, March 25—No Mass. Pray for vocations.**

**Tuesday, March 26—No Mass (Chrism Mass in Dubuque)**

**Wednesday, March 27—Mass**

**8:00 a.m.** +Ida Morse

**Music:** Jed Becker

**Sacristan:** Donna Ryant

**1:00 p.m. Mass at Evans Home** +Irene Slifka

**Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday (No morning mass)**

**7:00 p.m.** +Frank Lorenzo

**EMHCs:** Jed and Joyce Becker, Mary Larson

**Lector:** Jed Becker, Mary Larson

**Servers:** Claire and James Kach

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

**Greeters:** Jack and Pat Ferrie

**Hosts:** Jack and Pat Ferrie

**Ushers:** Dale Lickteig, Tony Roberts, Art Schwarzhoff,  
Dick Jones

**Sacristan:** Harlan and Mary Larson

*You are invited to stay after Mass for prayer. Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary.*

**Friday, March 29—1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

**EMHCs:** Jessica Kapler, Michelle Midthus, Tracy Hart

**Lector:** Brian and Michelle Midthus

**Servers:** Mackenzie and Madison Midthus

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

**Greeters:** Bart and Julie Wilson

**Ushers:** Bart and Julie Wilson, Joe and Julie Haskovec

**Sacristan:** Jessica Kapler

**Saturday, March 30—Easter Vigil Mass**

**8:00 p.m.** +William Steffen, Keith Steffen, Lee Steffen

**EMHCs:** Becky McGee, Alanda Meyer, Jerry O'Donnell

**Lector:** Kayla Head, Brian McGee

**Servers:** Sam Meyer, Eleanor Ellingson

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

**Greeters:** Joe and Lynn Rose

**Hosts:** Pat and Becky McGee

**Ushers:** Jim Murphy, Brian McGee, Joe and Lynn Rose

**Sacristan:** Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

**Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday Mass**

**8:00 a.m.** +Karen Hageman

**EMHCs:** Connie Sindelar, Donna Ryant, Barb Martinek

**Lectors:** Bill and Connie Sindelar

**Servers:** Carly Miller, Garrett Vobr

**Music:** LuAnn McCormick, Jamie Fisk

**Greeters:** Pat and Mar Ollendieck

**Hosts:** Frank and Donna Ryant

**Ushers:** Dale and Lynette Andera, David and Shannon Andera

**Sacristan:** Bill and Connie Sindelar

**10:00 a.m.** +Ronald and Marie Kreitzer

**EMHCs:** Gary and Janel Langreck, Jodi Dull

**Lectors:** Gary Langreck, Nita Hackman

**Servers:** Carley and Danny Kapler

**Music:** Dee Hosek, Wendy Schatz

**Greeters:** Gary and Janel Langreck

**Hosts:** Brad and Jodi Dull

**Ushers:** Brad and Jodi Dull, Jerry and Wanda Reicks

**Sacristan:** Jerry and Wanda Reicks

*When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people shouted  
"hosanna" (save us!).*

*We shout "hosanna" too.*

**In Memory**

**Tom Kleve**

**Missalettes (March)**

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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	Liz Yount
Dan Pahl	Connie Frana
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
Betty Linderman	Marinus Mlady
Lonnie Dishinger	Bill Rink
Audrey Grinhaus	Ken Hruska
Matt Duerre	Axel Heller
Roger Malli	Ron Scanlan
Raymond Beachy	Tim Thraenert

*We are pleased to pray for the sick, if you would like to  
add a name, please call the parish office after receiving permis-  
sion 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**

**March 17, 2024**

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 9,569.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 7,622.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 506.55

*Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of  
Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves  
at the service of others.*

**Easter Flowers** Donations are being accepted for Easter Flow-  
ers. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter  
Flowers" with your name and the name(s) of those who wish to  
be remembered and put in the collection or drop off at the parish  
office.. Thank you!

**40 Items—40 Days Lenten Challenge** Each day of Lent, remove one gently used item from your house, 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.*)

**Card Party** If you would like a relaxing afternoon of playing 500, join the card party on Mon., March 25, 1:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall. Everyone is welcome!

**Family Ministry Committee** will meet on Tues., March 26, 5:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Class** will be held on Wed., March 27, 6:15 p.m., Notre Dame School media center.

**Notre Dame School Passion Play** will be presented on Thurs., March 28, 2:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church. It will also be livestreamed.

**Noodle Making** for Notre Dame Food Stand at the Howard Co. Fair will be done April 6, 8:00 a.m. and April 7 at 9:00 a.m. Notre Dame Church Hall. Please call the parish office to volunteer. Thank you!

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 7.** All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall from 2:30—3:00 p.m. for Divine Mercy (Ice Cream) Sundaes! Following, at 3:00 p.m., there will be the parish Divine Mercy service with adoration, praying of the chaplet, reflection and Reconciliation. The parish hall will remain open with overflow audio and cameras turned on so families can remain downstairs if they would like but everyone is welcome to attend the service in the church.

**Save the Date! Grandparent's Bingo!** The Notre Dame Family Ministry Committee would like to invite all grandparents and grandchildren to join us for Grandparent's Bingo on Saturday, April 13th from 2:15-3:30 PM in the Parish Hall. 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, Plantpeddlar and Kwik Star.) Cards available at parish office and church **April 6-7.**

**Bible Study** Bible Study meets on Wednesdays 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.

**St. Brigid of Kildare Saint family** recently hosted a coin collection drive with the donations going to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. With the help of the generosity of our students, families, teachers and the Notre Dame parish, a total of \$1,415.69 is being sent to St. Jude's Hospital. The support we received was overwhelming and we are so grateful for the generosity shown. Thank you! Members of the Saint Brigid Saint family are Bryn McCarville, Vivienne Simiele, Natalie Schmitz, Teddy Munkel, Brogan Johnson, Ellie Sajdak, Preston Daley, Mason Moon, Aldous Juneau and Mrs. Willey.

### **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 volunteer to help with Meals on Wheels program.*

**Holy Thursday Collection** will be donated to the Don Davis Good Samaritan Fund. Donations are always accepted for this fund through Notre Dame Parish and will be deposited in the local Salvation Army account administered by CUSB. It will provide a centralized community resource for all Cresco area churches to refer requests for emergency financial assistance.

**Good Friday Collection** Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

**EASTER SERIES 2024** Join us in the Church from 7-8pm on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9. This year's series presented by Father Jacob and Melanie Vobr will focus on prayer! What is it? Why should I pray? Does God even listen? There are so many questions about this practice that seems so one-sided. We can see God working all around us, often because someone is on their knees in prayer. Through this Easter Series, we will learn how prayer can and does change us. Prayer allows us to communicate with God whose love is overflowing.

**Save the Date! Trivia Night 2** Friday, April 26, 6:30—8:30 p.m., Notre Dame Parish Hall. Teams must have a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 8 players. Fee: \$20 per team. Doubles and mulligans available for \$5 apiece. Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. All proceeds will benefit the Notre Dame Youth Ministry Program. Sign up on the parish website or contact b.mcgee@dbqarch.org

**Protivin Legion Post 605 Fish Fry** at McAllister's in Cresco on Good Friday, March 29 serving 4—8 p.m. \$16. 3 pc. Cod, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, asst. salads and desserts, roll, butter, beverage, extra drink. Auxiliary bake sale at same time.

**Protivin Knights of Columbus Auction** March 24, 10:30 a.m., Protivin Community Center. Proceeds go to Vocations and Special Needs Wanted: Donated new, antique and old useable items for auction. For more information contact Bill Ondrashek, 563 569-8412 or Ken Humpal, 563 203-0671.

**St Wenceslaus Fish Fry** March 29, serving 4-7 Dine-In or carry outs available. 2 Piece Cod dinner with baked potato, coleslaw and homemade bars, Tickets \$15 available at the door or the following Spillville businesses—Central Motors, Citizens Savings Bank, Ernie's Ag or Howards Tire.

**Everybody Hurts Non Profit Presents Run, Walk & Ride** 5K Run Friday, April 26 at Mikkelson Park in New Hampton. Free will meal, silent auction and speaker. Registration opens at 4:30 p.m., race at 6:00 p.m., Shelters 2 & 5. Early registration \$25/after April 8 \$35. See facebook.com/EverybodyHurtsCCIA

**BINGO** at Calmar Lutheran Church in Calmar March 24 and April 28 Doors open at 2:30 with BINGO starting at 3:00 p.m. \$20 buy in with each additional card \$5 Concession stand items available for purchase.

**Maifest at Pivo:** Sponsored by Pivo Brewery and the German-American Museum of St. Lucas. Saturday, May 4th. Open at 11:00 am. Dinner served beginning at noon: Pork Loin/Turkey Casserole, Hot German Potato Salad and fixings. Free Music by the Guttenberg German Band from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

*May your heart always be the temple of the Holy Spirit.  
May Jesus always be the helmsman of your spiritual ship.  
May Mary be the star which shines on your path  
and may she show you the safe way  
to reach the Heavenly Father. Padre Pio*

# Growing

# Families



## Meal



# Ministry

### **Is your family growing by two feet through pregnancy or adoption?**

If so, we would love to help you out for the first two weeks at home with some meals!

All you have to do is fill out a short questionnaire about your family's meal preferences and allergies. We'll set up the rest! Get on this wonderful list by emailing your name, phone number and best time to contact you to

[b.mcgee@dbqarch.org](mailto:b.mcgee@dbqarch.org) or call the Parish Office at 547-3565.

### **Would you like to help a growing family in our parish out?**

If so, we would love to help connect you with a family welcoming a new child to their home. Meal volunteers will be asked to make one family-size meal (Ex: lasagna, casserole, etc.) and drop it off at the family's home at the specified date and time. You will receive information about foods the family likes and doesn't like as well as any allergies they may have. To get on the list of meal volunteers, email your name, phone number and best time to contact you to

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Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith Meeting --- March 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Joye Meyer with a prayer. Officers Present: Joye Meyer, Terry Duerre, and Donna Ryant. Absent: Pat Pinter.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Elaine Kleve motioned that the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Terry Duerre. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Elaine Kleve made a motion to approve the report as printed, seconded by Terry Duerre. Motion carried.

Thank you notes were read.

The next Funeral committee is #1. Next Saturday committee will be #1. Upcoming Special Committee projects: Cornerstone meal on April 3 will be Committee 3. Next special project will be Committee 5.

The group reviewed an updated version of the Guidelines for Circles of Faith Chairpersons. Letters to collect dues were sent out by the office for St. Blasé Circle. Elaine Kleve made a motion to reimburse the parish for the postage out of the dues collected by this circle, seconded by Bootie Kapler. Motion carried.

St. Catherine Circle will be serving a Swiss Steak meal on April 18 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

St. Patrick Circle chairpeople have sent out letters to collect dues.

St. Mark and St. Anne circles do not have chairpeople. If a project or chairpeople are not found, the office will send out letters for these circles as well. Volunteers to be chairpeople and do a project for these circles are welcome.

Several projects have been suggested if any circle is interested including a stand at Sweet Corn Days, an assorted casserole and dessert meal, or renting out tables for city wide garage sales.

The group discussed the possibility of doing the stand at Sweet Corn Days but after much discussion, Donna Ryant made a motion not to take this project on, seconded by Bootie Kapler. Motion carried.

Baccalaureate will be held on May 5.

The group was reminded of making noodles on April 6-7.

A new coffee maker was purchased for the church hall as repairs were getting too expensive. The old coffee maker was sold. Bootie Kapler made a motion to reimburse the parish for the cost of the new coffee maker including installation, seconded by Donna Ryant. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2024 at 5:30 in the Joseph Room.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Frana  
Acting Recording Secretary

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