

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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Pastor**

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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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord

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

Our tendency is to think of and celebrate Easter as that remarkable wonder God did for Jesus in raising Jesus from the dead. Easter tends to be a remembrance feast: we remember God was faithful to Jesus who was faithful to God: and God brought Jesus out of the grip of death into new life. For us followers of Jesus Christ there is indeed cause for celebration here.

Limiting our celebration to this prospective is not unlike the remembrance days we have for the great past leaders of our nation: for example, we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We remember their notable contributions to our country and give thanks that they were so smart and brave and dedicated. It is good for us to do this remembrance.

Easter, however, is meant to be more than a remembering of what happened to Jesus. Easter is a celebration of what is happening to us, in and through the Risen One. At Easter, new members of Christ's Church are born in the water and the Spirit. And we older members are reborn as we renew our own baptismal promises. The Risen One pours out His resurrection life on the Church.

Every Easter is a new beginning of living the new life in Him Who is risen from the dead. Easter remembers, certainly, the new life given to Jesus. But above all, Easter is new life given us from the Risen One.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Monday, April 1 No Mass. Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, April 2—Mass
5:15 p.m. No Mass.

Wednesday, April 3—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Ben Sir

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

Thursday, April 4—School Mass

9:00 a.m. +Leoba Dotzler

Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Friday, April 5—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Kathy Lorenzo Holcomb

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Saturday, April 6—Mass

4:00 p.m. +Joe Busta

EMHCs: Steve and Terry Duerre, Marlene Quinn

Lector: Marlene Quinn

Servers: Sam Meyer

Music: Harlan and Mary Larson

Greeters: Galen and Lavon Fye

Hosts: Steve and Terry Duerre

Ushers: Steve Duerre, Gretchen Laub and Carver Munkel,
Bryan Sheehy

Sacristan: Steve and Terry Duerre

Sunday, April 7—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Mike McCabe; Frank and Rita Schulte

EMHCs: Patti Guyer, Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak

Lectors: Carol Foley, Ken Hubka

Servers: James Kach, Luke Fisk

Music: Dee Hosek, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Janet Andera, Betty Hebrink

Hosts: Jordan and Patti Guyer

Ushers: Jordan Guyer, Marvin Lensing,
David and Shannon Andera

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m. +Vern and Bernice Walker

EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd, Jerry O'Donnell, Tracy Hart

Lectors: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Servers: Preston Daley, Madelyn Opprieht,
Marian and Claire Elsbernd

Music: Joe Wacha, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Ken and Nita Hackman

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Matt Daley Family, Brad and Jodi Dull

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad!*

Easter Flowers Donations are being accepted for Easter Flowers. 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!

Bible Study Bible Study meets in the Joseph Room on Wednesdays discussing the upcoming weekend Mass readings. 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

Karen Hageman

**Sanctuary Candle and
Altar Bread**

Chris Kovarik; Darrell Reynolds

Missalettes

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

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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 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

March 24, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income

Needed each week: \$ 10,750.00

Last week's Envelope Contribution Income: \$ 9,767.00

Last week's ACH Contribution Income: \$ 787.00

Last week's offertory income: \$ 428.00

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Candidates are needed for Notre Dame Pastoral Council and Notre Dame Catholic School Board. If you are willing to offer your time and talent on these committees, please contact 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.*)

Sewing Circle will meet on Monday, April 1, 2:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall.

Liturgy Committee will meet on Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

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.

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.

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 about the traditions, forms, and disciplines of prayer. Prayer can and does change us and allows us to communicate with our Father and discover how his overflowing love is always active in our lives. *April 4 topic: "What is Prayer?"*

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**.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage Event in Waterloo - April 21, 2024 Please plan to attend the Eucharistic Pilgrimage Event at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Waterloo! All are welcome! The event will include: 1:00 PM Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 2:00 PM Celebration of Holy Mass (Fulfills the Sunday Obligation) 3:00 PM Thanksgiving Eucharistic Adoration The afternoon will conclude with a social and light refreshments More information can be found at www.dbqarch.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage. Seating is limited for this free event. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/NWJDFEjvp2RAhCS98>. This event is sponsored by Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW).

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 RCIA Mentors.

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 for more information.

How do I become a member of the Catholic Church? What do Catholics believe? If you or someone you know is inquiring into the Catholic faith, or is a parishioner who wants to learn more about your faith, please contact the parish office at 563 547-3565 to receive information.

If you have a child under age 17 who is not yet baptized, or a baptized child who has missed their First Communion and you would like to have them receive these sacraments, please call the parish office at 563 547-3565. Let us help you and your child prepare for these wonderful Sacraments.

IRA Charitable Rollover Anyone 70 1/2 or older, can make a charitable gift up to \$100,000.00 directly from their IRA to any approved non-profit organization including all Archdiocesan parishes, schools or any other archdiocesan ministry. The gift will qualify for the donors required minimum distribution and will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given directly from the IRA to the charity. For more information, contact your tax advisor.

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. For more information, contact the parish office.

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 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.

The Impact of a Father Sat., April 6, St. Benedict Church, Decorah. 9:00 a.m. Mass, 9:45 Registration; 10:15 a.m. The Father Wound and Beyond; 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Book Signing; 1:15 p.m. Forgiveness and Freedom. Bob Kroll was raised in an abusive and alcoholic home. Bob's story of healing will change your perspective on your relationships with your family and others. Sponsored by Northeast Iowa Prolifers. An ecumenical event; handicap accessible; lunch provided, free will offering.

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.

An Easter Prayer

God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water,
you give us a new birth in the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection,
increase our awareness of these blessings,
and renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



TRIVIA NIGHT 2

Friday, April 26th

6:30-8:30 PM

NOTRE DAME PARISH HALL

Teams must have a minimum of 4 players
and a maximum of 8 players.

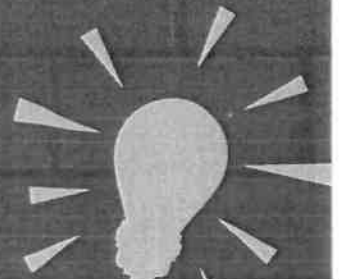
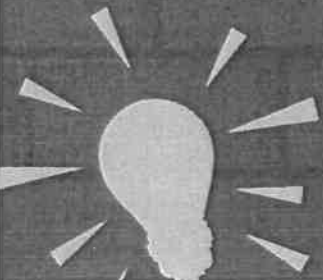
Fee-\$20 per team.

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 your team online!!



EASTER SERIES 2024

PRAYER

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What is Prayer?

April 4th



Prayer & Scripture

April 11th



Forms of Prayer

April 18th



Tradition of Prayer

April 25th



Battle of Prayer

May 2nd



The Lord's Prayer

May 9th



7:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

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