

# 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 **May 13, 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.

## April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

*Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48*

The element of surprise is present in nearly all the stories of resurrection appearances. Many times Jesus suddenly appears to one or other person, or to a whole group. He is just there—right now, right in their midst or at their side. This had to be disconcerting. And the narratives indicate the consternation of those to whom he appeared.

Thus Jesus is nearly always depicted as trying to calm them. "Peace to you," is frequently cited as his initial greeting. They calm down and he can then speak to them, instruct them, and charge them with mission. The mission he gave them he continues to give to the Church today: to bear witness to the joy and power of his resurrection.

Our challenge today is that we are probably too calm. We believe that the Risen One is present to us; that He is in our midst; that His word is for us and not just for the disciples of old. We know this. We believe it. But it would be surprising if our minds were really opened to fully understand, and our hearts were on fire with the message. Thus we pray, as in today's opening prayer, for the Lord to "strengthen your Church to answer your call." We need that strength as much now as did the disciples of old.

*Next week's readings:*

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18*

Alleluia! He is risen! Alleluia!

**Monday, April 15 - No Mass. Pray for vocations.**  
11:00 a.m. Funeral for Jerome Henry at St. Bridget, Bluffton with visitation at the church at 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 16-Mass**  
5:15 p.m. +James and Mary Kreitzer  
Sacristan: Ken and Maryln Shores

**Wednesday, April 17-Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Bud and Mary Ann Billmyer  
Music: Jed Becker  
Sacristan: Jed and Joyce Becker

**Thursday, April 18—School Mass**  
9:00 a.m. +Helen Graves  
Sacristan: Inez Kruse  
1:00 p.m. Accura +Mary Jane Hudson

**Friday, April 19—Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Ed and Joyce Barloon  
Sacristan: Sherry Sherfy

**Saturday, April 20-Confirmation Mass**  
4:00 p.m. +Gerald and Arletta Rose  
Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers  
Sacristan: Brian McGee  
Other ministers from the Confirmation class

**Sunday, April 21—Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Nestor and Dolly Reicks  
EMHCs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Jim Truka  
Lectors: Jim Truka, Roger Kleve  
Servers: Cali Schwickerath, Raelynn Fortney  
Music: LuAnn McCormick, Darlene Vsetecka  
Greeters: Dale and Lynette Andera  
Hosts: Dale and Lynette Andera  
Ushers: Dale and Lynette Andera, Joe and Julie Haskovec  
Sacristan: Frank and Donna Ryant

10:00 a.m. +John and Todd Schmauss  
EMHCs: Wayne and Janet Kreitzer, Sheila Slifka  
Lectors: Nita Hackman, Kayla Head  
Servers: Marian and Claire Elsbernd, Liam Moon  
Music: Joe Wacha, Polly Jones  
Greeters: Wayne and Janet Kreitzer  
Hosts: Brian and Jill McConnell  
Ushers: Brian McConnell, Richard McConnell, Sue Sovereign, Kathy McCarville  
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka

Note: Confirmation will be held at 4:00 mass on April 20. If you are not involved with Confirmation, you may wish to attend mass at a different time next weekend.

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*

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!

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.

Scrip Program (includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Rupert'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 May 4-5.

In Memory

Norma Reicks Sanctuary Candle  
Joe and Peggy Rouchka Altar Bread  
Karen Hageman Missalettes (April)

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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
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Lonnie Dishinger	Bill Rink
Audrey Grinhaus	Ken Hruska
Matt Duerre	Axel Heller
Raymond Beachy	Ron Scanlan
Joan Wernett	Camella Schmitt

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jerome Henry. 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  
April 7, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,561.00
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Last week's offertory income:	\$ 503.00
Easter:	\$ 695.00

*The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.*

**Confirmation Practice** will be held on Sun., April 14, 9:00 a.m., in the church.

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Mon., April 15, 5:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tues., April 16, KC Room.

**Swiss Steak Dinner** will be served Thurs., April 18, 4:30—7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall. Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Luscious Homemade Pie or Dessert, Coffee and Milk. Adults \$15; ages 6-12 \$10. Carryouts Available. Sponsored by Notre Dame Family Circles of Faith, St. Catherine's Circle.

**April Youth Gathering!** All students in grades 5-12 are invited to the Notre Dame Church Hall on April 21st from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. for food, games and fun including Double Dare based on classic Nickelodeon Game Show. Participants are free to come and go and are not obligated to stay for the entire event. Non-parishioners welcome!

**EASTER SERIES 2024** Join us in the Church from 7-8pm on Thursdays April 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 18 topic: "Forms of Prayer"*

**Wee Families** will meet on Sun., April 21, 4:30 p.m. Notre Dame Church. Short and sweet faith formation for young families. Ideal for children ages 1-5. Milk and cookies following. Topic: Momma Mary.

**Into the Deep** will meet on Sun., April 21, 7:00 p.m. Notre Dame Church. Topic: *Do Catholics worship Mary and the Saints?*

**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](http://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).

**Attention Married Couples.** All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! For more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, call Denise & Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at [wwme.org/apply](http://wwme.org/apply). Upcoming dates are: April 12-14 in Epworth, IA; September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA; and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA

### **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 Cornerstone teachers and aides.*

**We welcome Tate James Kerian**, son of Brandon and Lauren Kerian, who was baptized on April 7.



**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](mailto:b.mcgee@dbqarch.org) for more information.

**Baccalaureate 2024** will be held on Sun., May 5 at the 10:00 mass with brunch to follow. If you are a parishioner and a senior in high school and did not receive an invitation to Baccalaureate, please contact the parish office.

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**VFW Breakfast** will be served Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Cresco. Free will offering. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Beverage. Donations to Roof Fund appreciated. Sponsored by VFW Post and Auxiliary 4561.

**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](https://facebook.com/EverybodyHurtsCCIA)

**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 from 1:00 to 4:00

**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.

**Volunteer with Catholic Charities - You can make a difference!** Catholic Charities is looking for enthusiastic, service-oriented, and dedicated individuals to join our team as volunteers. We are seeking mentors and support group members to help clients through their journey out of poverty. Please visit our [website](#) for more information or to submit your online volunteer application. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Daniel Shafer (Waterloo/Mason City), at [d.shafer@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.shafer@dbqarch.org) or 319-272-2080 or Karen Hoeger (Dubuque) at [k.hoeger@dbqarch.org](mailto:k.hoeger@dbqarch.org) or 563-588-0558

**Mental Health Crisis Line: 988.**

You say "I'm having trouble fitting God into my life."

God doesn't want to be fitted into our lives.

God wants everything from each one of us, but the reality is you don't give everything to somebody you don't know.

God calls us to prayer. By praying a little more we will know Him more; and in knowing Him more we will be able to trust Him more; and in trusting Him more we will be prepared to abandon ourselves a little more to Him.

PRAY. KNOW. TRUST. ABANDON

Notre Dame Parish

April Youth Event

# Double Dare

Based on the classic Nickelodeon Game Show, this event will combine brain busting Trivia and fun, random, and messy challenges (old clothes recommended).

Sunday, April 21st, 2024 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Notre Dame Parish Hall

Open to all students in grades 5-12.

Non-parishioners welcome!

Lunch Provided!

Participants are free to come and go, and do not have to be present throughout the entire event.

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