

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 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 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

On this First Communion Sunday in our parish, we can meditate on the beautiful image of the vine and the branches. "I am the true vine. Live on in me, as I do in you." These words of Jesus remind us that He lives in us, and we live in Him. And we know that one of the main sources for that intimate union is the Holy Eucharist.

The main depiction of Eucharist is the loaf of bread and the cup of wine. Sometimes we see the shaft of wheat and a bunch of grapes. In either case we are reminded that in Christ the many who partake of His body and blood become one in Him, just as many grains of wheat make one loaf, and many grapes make one cup of wine.

Christ lives in us, we live in Christ. The closest comparison we come to in life is how parents "live" in their children—the life and love handed on to the children ideally reflect the very life and love of the parents themselves. But this wonderful comparison is a weak image of the depths of Christ's life in us who believe in Him; who try to love as He loved; and who are nourished week after week at the table of Eucharist. It is this Eucharistic bread and cup that above all keeps us united to the true vine.

We welcome our children to this inexhaustible mystery of Jesus' life and love given so freely to us. May He live in them, and they in Him, through all their years.

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Alleluia! He is risen! Alleluia!

Monday, April 29 - No Mass. Pray for vocations.

Tuesday, April 30-Mass

5:15 p.m. +Leonard and Viola Ferrie;
Helen Graves; Norma Cutsforth

Sacristan: Ken and Maryln Shores

Wednesday, May 1-Mass

8:00 a.m. +Leoba Dotzler

Music: Jed Becker

Sacristan: Donna Ryan

Thursday, May 2—School Mass

9:00 a.m. +Elsie Busta and Joe Busta, Jr.

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Friday, May 3—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Maria and Hermann Abberger

Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Saturday, May 4-Mass

4:00 p.m. +Harold and Dorothy Grube

EMHCs: Vicki McGee, Becky McGee, Alanda Meyer

Lectors: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Sam Meyer, Brynn Brannon

Music: Harlan and Mary Larson

Greeters: Gretchen Laub and Carver Munkel

Hosts: Gretchen Laub and Carver Munkel

Ushers: Steve Duerre, Gretchen Laub, Carver Munkel,
Jim Murphy

Sacristan: Steve and Terry Duerre

Sunday, May 5—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Marlene Wemark

EMHCs: Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak, Emily Dohlman-Govern

Lectors: Ethan Govern, Emily Dohlman-Govern

Servers: Cali Schwickerath, James Kach

Music: Dee Hosek, Polly Jones

Greeters: Chuck and Sanna Feldman

Hosts: Jack and Pat Ferrie

Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, Marvin Lensing
Warren Steffen

Sacristan: Marvin Lensing

10:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate

+Ron Kreitzer

Music: Good News Singers, Deb Moellers

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.*

Baccalaureate will be held at the 10:00 a.m. mass on May 5. If you are not involved with Baccalaureate, you may wish to attend a different mass next weekend.

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.

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

Karen Hageman

Missalettes (April)

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
Raymond Beachy	Ron Scanlan
Joan Wernett	Camella Schmitt
Kenny Hebrink	Tom 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

April 21, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,750.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,069.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 787.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 828.00

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

A Big Thank You to all who helped with the yard work around the parish property this past week. It is greatly appreciated!

EASTER SERIES 2024 Join us in the Church from 7-8pm on Thursdays 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. *May 2 topic: "Battle of Prayer."*

Knights of Columbus will meet on Tues., April 30, 7:00 p.m., KC Room.

Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Wed., May 1, 7:00 p.m., Joseph Room.

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!

Congratulations to our First Communion Class:

<i>Etta Burke</i>	<i>Jaxon Fortney</i>
<i>Danika Gaul</i>	<i>Sebastian Gourley</i>
<i>Emma Haskovec</i>	<i>Roman Head</i>
<i>Brenden Hovden</i>	<i>Soryn Hvitved</i>
<i>Marie Klimesh</i>	<i>Aiden Lenehan</i>
<i>Laney Lickteig</i>	<i>Bria McCarville</i>
<i>Gaige McIntyre</i>	<i>Jameson Meyer</i>
<i>Theodore Munkel</i>	<i>Genevieve Oppriecht</i>
<i>Raelynn Rissman</i>	<i>Adaline Shimek</i>
<i>Holden Wall</i>	<i>Connor Wurzer</i>

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MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now! Weekend dates are September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA. Call Denise & Greg for more information or sign up at www.wwme.org.

ACCW Decorah Deanery presents Deacon Tom Lang "Walking with Moms in Need" at St. Benedict Parish, Decorah on May 7, with Mass at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:00 p.m.; Deanery updates and refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Unable to attend in person? Zoom connection available. No registration required. Walking with Moms in Need is a parish based outreach to pregnant and parenting women in need.

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.

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 Ministers of Care.

We welcome Joshua and Emma Gorter who were received into the church on April 21st and **Aldous Juneau** who was received into the church on April 25th at Notre Dame.

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop Wed., mornings for 6 wks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

4th Annual We're on a Mission...Pave the Way 5K Fun Run/Walk, Saturday, June 1. Starts and Ends at the Calmar Lutheran Church. 8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. Registration; 8:30 a.m. Race starts. \$30 entry fee plus a food item for the Little Food Pantry. Registration forms can be found on the Calmar Lutheran Church website or the Calmar Lutheran Church Facebook. T-shirts are only guaranteed for pre-registered participants who register by May 17, 2024.

Join Fr. Ivan Nienhaus on Pilgrimage to Poland from Nov. 4-12. Walk in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximilian Kolke. We start in Warsaw, travel to Our Lady of Czestochowa and finish in Krakow. This pilgrimage also includes many stops that include a Salt Cave with an underground Catholic Cathedral, the Zakopane ski resort village and the famous Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Poland is filled with history, culture, religion and music. Eight days and seven nights for \$4,447.00. There is also a post-stay retreat offered by a Polish priest at the Shrine of Divine Mercy. To learn more call Mary Johnson (319-560-5138) or 206 Tours (1-800-206-8687).

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.

Decorah Chorale presents "Glorious Day" The Decorah Chorale will present a spring concert Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Decorah High School Auditorium. The concert "Glorious Day" explores the beauty, wonder, mystery and thrill of the world around us. Each piece in the program invites one to embrace nature's splendor and the human spirit.

What is Holiness?

Holiness is an opportunity.

Every person that comes into your life, every circumstance or event of your life, is an opportunity to be holy.

Your holiness is measured by how lovingly you respond to God in the moments of the day. Most of us recognize that we want to love God. The problem is that we are inconsistent at grasping the moments of the day one by one for God. If we examine ourselves individually the reason we will find for our inconsistent response to God is that our lives of prayer reflect the same inconsistency. If we feel like praying, we pray and if we don't feel like praying we don't pray. The problem with this approach is that if we link our love of God to our selfish feelings, if indeed our love of God is dictated by our selfish feelings then obviously there is a contradiction, love being selfless.

God calls you not only to prayer but to consistent prayer. The more consistency you can bring to your prayer life, the more consistent your response to God will be in the moments of the day.

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