

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 **Aug. 12, 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.

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

The “feeding of the five thousand” story in the gospel accounts is an amazing story. That is, it stirs a feeling of amazement in the reader, just as the event itself must have stirred a sense of amazement in those Jesus fed by the loaves and fishes. That amazement led to an immediate reaction, at least as John narrates the story: the people fed wanted to “carry him off to make him king.” Jesus realized the people he fed wanted him to be king for a lifetime. His reaction seems equally amazing: “so he fled back to the mountain alone.”

The gospel writers don't say, because they probably didn't really know, but that mountain may have been the one spoken of early in Jesus' career. We remember it as the mountain of temptation where Jesus was told he would be given all the kingdoms of the earth—if only he would submit to the Tempter, to Satan.

He has come full circle as it were—nearly the same temptation falls him now, only coming from some half starved, desperate countrymen. Today's reading ends here—the decision not yet made; or at least it seems he needs time to consider what he should decide. Could it be that Satan is in the very voices of the people he so dearly loved? He desperately needed time alone to discern.

Next week's readings:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs

Monday, July 29—Mass (Totus Tuus)

11:15 a.m. +Al and Emma Myer

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Tuesday, July 30—Mass (Totus Tuus)

11:15 a.m.: +Darrell and Michaelleen Riehle

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Wednesday, July 31—Mass (Totus Tuus)

11:15 a.m. +Ron Ollendick

Sacristan: Roger and Elaine Kleve

Thursday, Aug. 1—Mass (Totus Tuus)

11:15 a.m. +Elsie Busta; Joe Busta, Jr.

Sacristan: Stan and Connie Kepros

Friday, Aug. 2—Mass (Totus Tuus)

11:15 a.m. +Bud and Mary Ann Billmyer

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, Aug. 3—Mass

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Karlee Grabau and Zach Davis

4:00 p.m. +Clarence Riha; Clarence and Verena Novotny;

Mary Fritz; Gilbert and Elenor Fritz

EMHCs: Neil and Cindy Grube, Alanda Meyer

Mary Larson, Lisa Kimball

Lectors: Cheryl Brannon

Servers: Sam Meyer, Brynn Brannon

Music: Harlan Larson, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Neil and Cindy Grube

Hosts: Neil and Cindy Grube

Ushers: Jim Murphy, Adam, Aidan and Awnan Skoda

Sacristan: Carol Stoker and Mindy Jones

Sunday, Aug. 4—Mass

8:00 a.m. +Craig Ollendieck

EMHCs: Frank and Donna Ryant, Emily Dohlman-Govern

Julie Wilson, Joyce Jirak

Lectors: Julie Wilson, Emily Dohlman-Govern

Servers: Claire and Cora Kach

Music: Dee Hosek, Deb Moellers

Greeters: David and Elaine Bergan

Hosts: Frank and Donna Ryant

Ushers: Bart and Julie Wilson, Warren Steffen, Dick Jones

Sacristan: Frank and Donna Ryant

10:00 a.m. +Dec'd members of Ed and Ellen Arndorfer Family

EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd, Jerry O'Donnell, Michelle Midthus

Wayne and Janet Kreitzer

Lectors: Brian and Michelle Midthus

Servers: Hadley and Harper Riehle, Mason Keune

Music: Polly Jones, Deb Moellers

Greeters: Audrey Hyke, Jerry Wilson

Hosts: Ken and Nita Hackman

Ushers: Brad and Jodi Dull, Jerry Wilson, Richard McConnell

Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell

Our peace is founded not on our perfection but on God's mercy. Call on His mercy.

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room. The group will study the readings for the upcoming weekend. Everyone is welcome.

In Memory

Joe and Peggy Rouchka

Altar Bread

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
Liz Yount	Dan Pahl
Connie Frana	Ron Scanlan
Kenny Hebrink	Tess Sheehy
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	Raymond Beachy
Audrey Grinhaug	Sue (Lorenzo) Larson
Matt Duerre	Axel Heller
Ken Hruska	

Our sympathy. . .

*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Rebecca (Becky) McCabe**. Eternal rest grant unto her, 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

July 21, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,234.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 787.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 533.23

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," say the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Table of Plenty is available this weekend. You may bring your extra produce to share to the front entrance of the church on Saturdays after 3:00 P.M. through Sunday morning, 10:00 A.M. All produce left after 10:00 mass will be donated to the local food pantry. You may take produce and make a donation. All donations are given to the local food pantry.

Notre Dame Parish Picnic: Join us on Thursday, August 1st, 5:30—7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our Parish Picnic! Food, beverages, and games will be provided. Come and go as you wish! Hosted by the Notre Dame Family Ministry Committee. Contact Brian at the Parish Office with any questions!

Liturgy Committee will meet on Thurs., Aug. 1, 3:30 p.m., Joseph Room.

Coffee and Rolls will be served next weekend, Aug. 3-4, following each of the masses. Join us for food and fellowship!

Notre Dame Catholic School is looking for a Playgroup Associate. This job could be part-time or full time. For more information, call Katie Schmitt, principal, at 563 547-4513 or email kschmitt@nd.pvt.k12.ia.us

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Donations	<u>8,385.00</u>	
		31,533.01

Expenses:

Supplies	7,274.98	
Postage/Adv/Misc.	1,909.46	
Rent	<u>939.97</u>	
		10,124.38
Profit from Food Stand		21,408.63
Moo Mobile		1,200.00
Profit from Raffle		2,210.00

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 parish office and in the front entrance of the church on the weekend of Aug. 3-4.

Baptism Preparation Class If you are expecting a baby or preparing to have your child baptized and have not attended a Baptism Class in the past three years, you need to attend a Baptism class before the Baptism takes place. Please note this class is offered 4 times a year. Please plan accordingly to attend a class before the date you wish to celebrate the sacrament. Your baby's Baptism is a time of celebration and joy. We hope to help you plan and prepare for your role in sharing the faith in the best possible way. The next class will be held on Monday, Aug. 12, 7:00 p.m., Notre Dame Church. Please call the parish office to register, 563 547-3565.

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 Good News Singers.

We Welcome Gannicus Timothy Fotiadis, son of Samuel and Kiersta Fotiadis, who was baptized at Notre Dame on July 20.



Notre Dame Catholic School Registration 2024-2025: Wed., Aug. 7, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. in front offices. Thurs., Aug. 8, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. in front offices. Preschool Parent Meeting Monday, Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m. in church hall. Preschool and Playgroup Open House on Tues., Aug. 27 3:30—6:00 p.m. in classroom and on Wed., Aug. 28, 3:30—6:00 p.m. in classroom.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Jerico is holding their annual ice cream social on Tuesday, July 30th from 5 PM to 7:30 PM at Bethany Hall, 1241 Pembroke Ave south of the Jerico blacktop. The menu includes pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, fruit and our fabulous soft serve ice cream buffet all for your free will donation. Raffle tickets for a quilt and cash prizes will be available at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

13th Annual "Back to School" Clothing Give-Away at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cresco, on Thurs., Aug. 1 3:00—7:00 p.m.; Fri., Aug. 2 8:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 3 8:00 a.m.—Noon. *No donations taken after July 26!* Questions, call Immanuel Lutheran Office: 563 547-2108; Sue Easler, 563 379-9293; or Martha Rassmusson, 563 203-0400.

St. Agnes Oratory, Plymouth Rock will hold their annual Mass on Sat., August 31, 6:00 p.m. Lunch following. Everyone welcome!

Cresco Community Blood Drive will be held on Fri., Aug. 9, 12:00—5:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church. For an appointment, contact Pat, 563 380-8954 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: CrescoIA You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information. All presenting donors are eligible to win 1 \$50 Kwik Star gift card! Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/Help

Gundersen Health System will be hosting **virtual Healthy Living with Chronic Pain** workshop Wed., afternoons for 6 wks starting August 7. This workshop focuses on strategies for understanding and managing pain and stress management for adults. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870 or email wellness@gundersenhealth.org

Married Couples. Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are September 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA

Enjoy great chamber music in a beautiful setting when the Stringwood Young Artists (ages 12-22) perform again at St. Wenceslaus Church, Spillville, at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 10. The event is free

Trust and understanding of self worth are the two things that lead to happiness and the most basic principles of Christianity. Yet they are the very things we overlook.

When someone cannot trust, when someone feels worthless, how can that person be happy?

Your role as an individual in society is to be honest so as to invoke trust, and to compliment and thank others for helping you, or bringing joy to your life, so as to encourage the self esteem of all.

If you want a successful and happy relationship foster an understanding of self worth and be honest.

NOTRE DAME PARISH PICNIC

2024

Join us on Thursday, August 1st from
5:30-7:00 PM in the Parish Hall for our
Family Picnic!

Food, beverages, and games provided!

Come and go as you wish!

Hosted by the Notre Dame Family
Ministry Committee

Questions?
Contact
Brian McGee

(563) 547-3565
b.mcgee@dbqarch.org





Notre Dame Catholic Parish Family Ministry 2024-2025 Tentative Dates

Open to ALL members of our community-you do not need to be Catholic to attend!
Follow us on Facebook or Parish bulletin for more info!

All events located in the Notre Dame Parish Hall, except where noted:

Sunday, Sept. 15 "Mother/Son Masquerade Ball" 5:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 16 "Miscarriage and Child Loss Memorial Prayer Service and
Reception"
6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 24 "Mother/Daughter Tea Party" 2:00-4:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 6 "Cookies with Santa" 5:30-7:30 PM

Sunday, Jan 19 "Father/Son Game Day" 2:00-4:00 PM

*Saturday, Feb 15 "Adult Valentine's Dance" 5:00-10:00 PM at the Heritage event
Center in Cresco.*

Sunday, March 9 "Daddy Daughter Dance" 4:30-7:00 PM

Saturday, April 19 "Grandparent Bingo" 2:15-3:30 PM



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