

# 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



**Rev. Jacob Rouse  
Pastor**

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

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**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass**

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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 **Nov. 11, 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.

**September 29, 2024**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

As if to emphasize last week's lesson about who is really important, the lesson today talks about the following: not only those who belong to the Church and who consider themselves Jesus' followers receive the Spirit of God. Any person can receive God's Spirit and do good works. Church membership is not a requirement.

As much as we emphasize belonging to a parish and being active in it, Jesus makes it clear that God can and does operate through the "unchurched" and through "outsiders". "No one who performs a miracle using my name can at once speak ill of me." In another place he declares, "he who is not against us is with us".

These are important words for us to remember. The Church ordains people to offer sacrifice and preside at other sacraments; she commissions catechists and ministers of holy communion; teachers in seminaries must meet certain standards and requirements. All this is well and good for the internal working of the Church.

But just as much today as in Jesus' own day we need to be reminded that not all the works for God's spread of His reign are accomplished by those "of our company". God is free to work through whomever God chooses to do work.

*Next week's readings:*

*Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16*

*Your mere presence should be a ministry.*

**Monday, Sept. 30—No Mass—Pray for vocations.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 1—Mass**  
5:15 p.m. +Dan Gebel  
Sacristan: Duane Heit

**Wednesday, Oct. 2—Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +James F. Balk  
Music: Jed Becker  
Sacristan: Donna Ryant

**Thursday, Oct. 3—Mass**  
9:00 a.m. +Ray Murray  
Sacristan: Sherry Sherfy

**Friday, Oct. 4—Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Sheri Conlan  
Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

**Saturday, Oct. 5—Mass**  
4:00 p.m. +Clarence Riha; Clarence & Verena Novotny; Mary Fritz; Gilbert & Eleanor Fritz  
EMHCs: Brian McGee, Alanda Meyer, Marlene Quinn  
Lectors: Marlene Quinn  
Servers: Lily Godman  
Music: Good News Singers, Polly Jones, Deb Moellers  
Greeters: Brian McGee, Grace Lienhard  
Hosts: Dave, Robin and Cody Sobolik  
Ushers: Dave, Robin and Cody Sobolik, Brian McGee  
Sacristan: Brian McGee

**Sunday, Oct. 6—Mass**  
8:00 a.m. +Ed & Marcella Opat  
EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Patti Guyer, Joyce Jirak  
Lectors: Bill and Connie Sindelar  
Servers: Luke Fisk, Cora Kach  
Music: LuAnn McCormick, Polly Jones  
Greeters: Jordan and Patti Guyer  
Hosts: Jordan and Patti Guyer  
Ushers: Jordan Guyer, Chris and Atley Bina, Alisha Carolan  
Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

10:00 a.m. +Ron Ollendick  
EMHCs: Jessica Kapler, Tracy Hart, Gary Langreck  
Lectors: Tracy Hart, Gary Langreck  
Servers: Carley Kapler, Danny Kapler  
Music: Joe Wacha, Polly Jones  
Greeters: Wayne and Janet Kreitzer  
Hosts: Mark Kapler Family  
Ushers: Matt Daley Family, Brian McConnell, Richard McConnell  
Sacristan: Jessica Kapler

*When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us. —Helen Keller*

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule** A new schedule has been printed. All current members have been emailed a copy. If no email address is listed, than it was mailed out. There are extra copies in the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

**Script Program** Cards (includes Dollar Fresh, HyVee, Pinter's, Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Fareway, Fisk's, Subway, Caseys, A&W, Sue-Z-Q, Atomic Pizza, Plantpeddler, and Kwik Star) are available at the parish office and in the front entrance of the church on the weekend of Oct 5-6.

In Memory

Dalton Hemesath  
Dalton Hemesath  
Ed & Joyce Barloon

Sanctuary Candle  
Altar Wine & Bread  
Missalettes

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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
Liz Yount	Dan Pahl
Connie Frana	Luther Govern
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	Lori Renken
Dave Myers	Tom Herold

Our sympathy...

*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: [notredamecresco@dbqarch.org](mailto:notredamecresco@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  
Sep 22, 2024

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 4,642.50
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 787.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 622.48

*St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.*

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Mon., Sep. 30, 5:00 p.m., in the Parish Office.

**Liturgy Committee** will meet on Thurs., Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m., in the Parish Office.

**Notre Dame Parish** is seeking an Office Manager, approximately 28 hours a week, if interested contact the Parish Office at 563-547-3565 for more information.

**Communal Anointing of the Sick** will be held after the 5:15 p.m. Mass on October 1st.

**Grieving with Great Hope Workshop** will begin October 15th. In the Grieving with Great Hope workshop, mourners gather as a community of faith journeying to become disciples of hope. Tools, specifically the seven intentions of mourning, along with prayer, reflection, practical learning, remembrance and fellowship are offered as a way to maneuver through the valley of grief. The workshop connects participants with people here on earth and with their loved ones in heaven, as all are led to the Great Healer, Jesus Christ. No matter your loss and no matter if your loss was recent or decades ago, you are invited to attend. Register on the parish website or using the forms in the porch of the Parish Office.

**Cornerstone and Sacrament Registration** is open on our parish website. These will start in October. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Cornerstone Team Members Needed:** If you are interested in being on the Cornerstone Team by being a Catechist, Catechist's Aide, Prayer Team member, Hospitality Team member or Site Supervisor, please contact Melanie Vobr at [m.vobr@dbqarch.org](mailto:m.vobr@dbqarch.org) for more information.

**Movie: The Blind** will be shown at the Cresco Theatre on November 10th at 2:00pm. This movie features the beloved Robertson family from the hit TV series, "Duck Dynasty." Sponsored by the Moving with Mission small groups and Feldman Farms. For tickets, go to: <https://www.notredamecresco.com/the-blind>

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive** to raise money for special needs of Howard County will be the weekend of September 28-29th after each Mass.

**Blessing of Animals** will be in the parish parking lot at 1:30 p.m. on October 5th. All pets, livestock, service animals, and other animal companions can receive a special blessing. Please be sure all animals are properly contained and supervised throughout the event for the safety of all guests.

**Mass for Mental Health Awareness** Mental Illness Awareness Week is October 6-12. The annual Mass for Mental Illness Awareness will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Cedar Rapids at noon on Sunday, October 6th. For those who cannot attend, the Mass will be live-streamed at [www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr](http://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcr).

### 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 their time as Lectors.*

**We welcome Blake Edward Dietzenbach**, son of Matthew and Leigh Dietzenbach, who was baptized at Notre Dame on Sept. 22.

**Congratulations to Adam and Deidre Kriener**, who were married at St. Bridget on Sept. 21.

**Parish Office hours have changed.** The Parish Office will now be open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will no longer be open on Mondays.

**Immaculate Conception Parish** in Riceville are again holding their annual Fall Dinner. This year it will be a drive-thru dinner and raffles on Oct. 6th from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or until food is gone. Meal is \$15 for Roast beef, Ham, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Sweetcorn, Rolls/butter, Fresh fruit and Pie.

**Knights & CDA invite you** to an all you can eat Community Breakfast. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Muffins, Coffee, Drinks. Held on Sunday Oct. 6th and Nov. 3rd from 8 a.m.—Noon at St. Benedict Church in Decorah.

**World Wide Marriage Encounter:** Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy some time away. For more information call: Greg and Denise at 563-608-3305 or register at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Our upcoming weekend is November 8-10 in Holstein, IA.

**48th Annual Fort Atkinson Rendezvous Days** will be held on September 28th and 29th. There will be a Chicken Dinner on September 27th from 4:30-7pm at the Ft. Atkinson Community Center (carry-outs available). Gates for Rendezvous will open at 9:30 on Saturday and 9:00 on Sunday mornings. There will be a special Restoration Dedication with the Iowa DNR at 12:00pm on Saturday. For questions, contact Kay Schmitt at 563-419-3567.

**VFW Breakfast** every 3rd Sunday from September-May. Held at the VFW Hall, Cresco, IA. Serving from 8:00a.m.-12:30p.m. Menu: Regular, Blueberry & Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, & Beverage. Donation to Roof Fund appreciated.

**Matching Donation** Merle Schmitz, a Cresco native, and son of Joe and Felicia Schmitz is offering an exciting way to raise money for the school. He would like to make a \$15,000 matching donation. This means that he will donate his money with the hope that it would be matched by the parishioners of Notre Dame. If you are interested in "mating" with this donation (this means adding to his \$15,000 and then the final sum will be greater) please call the office or Merle Schmitz at 602-689-1064.

**St. Bridget Oratory Rack of Pork Meal** Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Drive thru w/ onsite dining. Full salad bar and country store. Adult tickets \$16. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Sheep Shed Market**, Little Turkey, IA. Saturday, Oct. 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local vendors, food, drinks and live music.

**St. Clement's Fall Mass** will be held on Thurs., Oct. 3, at 9 a.m. St. Clements is located 1 mile south of Spillville on W14. come see new sidewalk and steps. Kolaches and coffee will be served after Mass.

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at mine end, and at my departing. – Sarum Primer*

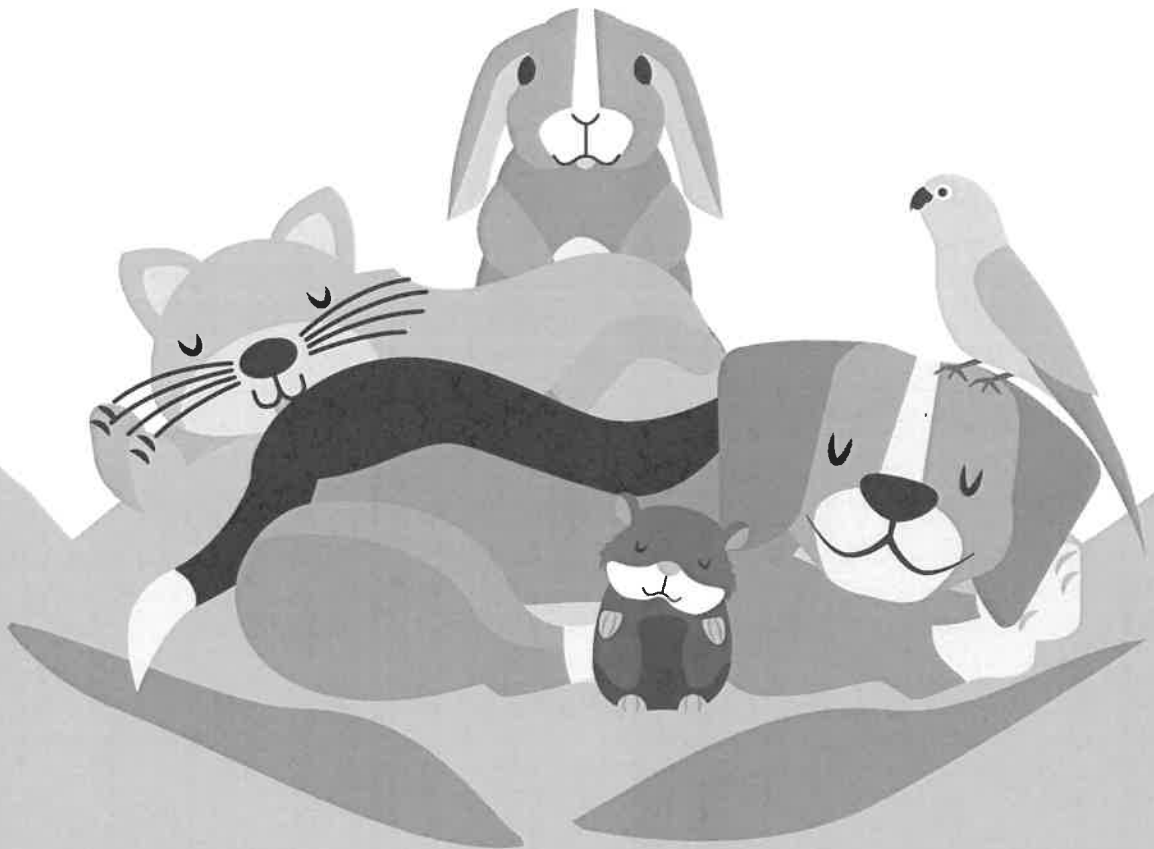


# BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Notre Dame Parish will offer a special Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 5th at 1:30 PM in the Notre Dame Parish Parking Lot.

All pets, livestock, service animals, and other animal companions can receive this special blessing!

This event is open to the public and ALL are welcome!



Please be sure all animals are properly contained and supervised throughout the event for the safety of all guests!

**CONTACT BRIAN MCGEE AT [B.MCGEE@DBQARCH.ORG](mailto:B.MCGEE@DBQARCH.ORG) OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION!!**

October 1st - After 5:15 p.m. Mass

Communal

# ANNOINTING of the Sick

## What is it?

The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament which serves as a channel for special graces from God that comfort and heal, physically and/or spiritually, people who are seriously ill and/or in danger of death. It is rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus.

This sacrament is administered by a priest who lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then anoints the sick person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, while praying: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from your sin save you and raise you up."

**If you, someone in your family or a friend wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish office. If you have any questions about this or any other sacrament, please call the Parish Office. In a case where death is imminent, please call the office or if the person is in hospital, ask for the Roman Catholic clergy on call.**

## Who is it for?

- Anyone suffering any kind of mental, physical, spiritual, or emotional illness
- Facing serious surgery
- Severe asthma, or respiratory illness
- Injured in an accident
- Advanced age
- Chronic illness
- Addiction
- Fear or anxiety
- Cancer
- Faith crisis
- Anyone in danger of death

*"If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds true for the elderly whose frailty has become more pronounced." Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1515.*

# Grieving with Great HOPE

## Tuesday Evenings

6:00-8:00 PM | Oct 15 - Nov 12

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Good Mourning  
Ministry

\$10/participant or \$15/couple



*"I found comfort in discussing grief in the context of my Catholic faith"*

There are no stages to grief. We all experience loss in our own unique way. Healing is an intentional process, where we gather together as a community of faith to become disciples of hope. It is through prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship that we mourn. "Grieving with Great HOPE" is a five-week grief support workshop for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Presenters will include Fr. Bill Tindall, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate.

[www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net)

*"The workshop was professionally done. You can tell that this ministry has grown with the love of Christ and His mercy. John and Sandy speak from the heart and it is so nice to see how God restored their lives for the purpose of the Body of Christ." Dennis Orlewicz*

## Grieving with Great HOPE



Good Mourning  
Ministry

*"Grieving with Great Hope gives people who are mourning the loss of a loved one a path through the valley of grief. It connects people with people, here on earth and on their way home. And in the end, we are all led to the Great Healer, Jesus Christ in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament."*  
Fr. John Riccardo

In the Grieving with Great Hope workshop, mourners gather as a community of faith journeying to become disciples of hope. Tools, specifically the seven intentions of mourning, along with prayer, reflection, practical learning, remembrance and fellowship are offered as a way to maneuver through the valley of grief. The workshop connects participants with people here on earth and with their loved ones in heaven, as all are led to the Great Healer, Jesus Christ. No matter your loss and no matter if your loss was recent or decades ago, you are invited to attend.



### Grieving with Great HOPE Registration Form

**Please print clearly and complete form. One registration for each participant.**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Male:      Female:      Age Group: 18-25    26-35    36-45    46-55    56-65    66+

Please tell us your loss or losses: Spouse    Child    Grandchild    Parent    Grandparent  
Friend

And or Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ Was your loss sudden? \_\_\_\_\_

If you like, please list name of your loved one: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other losses in the last 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us anything else you think we should know:

**Please return form and payment to the Parish Office by October 8th.**  
You can also register by going to <https://notredamecresco.com/grieving-with-great-hope>

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