



January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

Walk into a doctor's office and on the wall you will likely see his/her certificate of graduation from medical school. Into an attorney's office and there is the certificate from law school. Into a service center of an automobile dealer and the service personnel have certificates from their respective organizations. All the above people, and others who do some kind of professional work have gone through the required programs of certification which give those who ask for their services some assurance these people are competent for their tasks. Often these programs are a "baptism of fire" that tests their mettle; otherwise they are not deemed worthy to perform the work they do.

We rely on these certification programs for competency: who would go to a dentist who hasn't been through- and passed - dental school? If one is going to do important service for others, one should be readied and certified for such service.

This may seem a great distance from the Baptism of the Lord - which feast we celebrate today. But it is not. As Jesus undertook his public ministry it was important that some kind of sign of approbation (a certificate of merit as it were) be given him. Such was his Baptism by John; and even more so was the sign that accompanied it: "When...Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form like a dove." A voice, too, declared him as "my beloved Son."

Jesus was empowered by God the Father to begin his public ministry on behalf of God. We can trust that what he will do is for our good and approved by God.

Next Week's Readings:
Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

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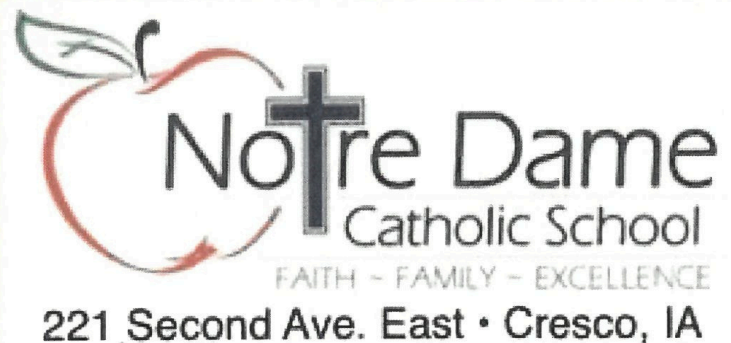
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We invite you to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week 2025
with the Notre Dame Catholic School

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Supper & Auction Pick Up
1/24/2025
4:30-6:30pm



Lasagna Carry Out Supper: \$12
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No individual lasagna for sale.

Preorder Tickets Only.
Public preorder availability
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1/16-1/23
6pm Closing!

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on our auction:**

**Go to: www.tinyurl.com/ndcschool
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*Link also on the Notre Dame School FB page,
and Notre Dame Parish FB and website.*

Create a Hi-Bid account, you only need an email
address and password, or log in and start the bidding!

Auction Bidding: 1/16-1/23 start closing at 6pm.

Last year's proceeds used for new curriculum, increased wages & boiler maintenance & repairs.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 13 | No Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 14 | No Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 15 | No Mass

Thursday, Jan. 16 | Mass

9:00 a.m. +Elaine Ernst
Sacristan: Ken and MaryIn Shores

Friday, Jan. 17 | No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 18 | Mass

4:00 p.m. +Shirley McConnell
EMHCs: Jim and Anne Ott, Brian McGee
Lectors: Brian McGee
Servers: Cora Johnson
Music: Pam Daley, Polly Jones
Greeters: Joe and Lynn Rose
Hosts: Jim and Anne Ott
Ushers: Joe and Lynn Rose, Brian McGee, Ray Schwarzhoff
Sacristan: Brian McGee

Sunday, Jan. 19 | Mass

8:00 a.m. +Joyce Scharnweber
EMHCs: Connie Sindelar, Julie Haskovec, Joyce Jirak
Lectors: Bill and Connie Sindelar
Servers: Lincoln Manske, Cali Schwickerath
Music: LuAnn McCormick, Polly Jones
Greeters: Jack and Pat Ferrie
Hosts: Kenny and Jeri Andera
Ushers: Joe and Julie Haskovec, David and Shannon Andera
Sacristan: Bill and Connie Sindelar

Sunday, Jan. 19 | Mass

10:00 a.m. +Vonnie Maland
EMHCs: Jerry O'Donnell, Don and Kris Dietzenbach
Lectors: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell
Servers: Marian and Claire Elsbernd
Music: Good News Singers, Wendy Schatz, Deb Moellers
Greeters: Don and Kris Dietzenbach
Hosts: Don and Kris Dietzenbach
Ushers: Kathy McCarville, Don Dietzenbach Family, Sue Sovereign
Sacristan: Jerry and Barb O'Donnell



Bread & Wine: For the People

What is a Jubilee Year?

A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.



Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

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Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



Stewardship of Offering

JANUARY 5, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income*:	\$ 28,011.80
*Includes Christmas and Holy Day	
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 830.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 2,476.82

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

TAKE NOTE:

Matching Donation

A parishioner's son has made a matching donation of \$15,000. Thank you to all who have already mated with this donation. We have exceeded our goal!



Contribution Tax Letters

If you would like a contribution letter for tax purposes, please let Mindy Jones know by calling the Parish Office (ext. 3) or emailing her at m.jones@dbqarch.org.

Coming Up Soon at Notre Dame

No Week-Day Masses from January 13-24th while Fr. Jacob is in Italy. Previously scheduled Mass intentions will be rescheduled.

Help Needed to tear-down the Christmas decorations in the church after the 10 a.m. Mass on January 12th. Many hands make light work.

Thank You to all who gave donations for Christmas flowers. **You are able to take one home with you after this weekend's Mass.**

In the Community

VFW Annual Cancer Benefit Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19th from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Cresco. Menu includes: Pancakes (plain, blueberry, chocolate chip), sausage, scrambled eggs, and beverages. Proceeds go to Howard County Cancer Assoc. and Post 4561 Auxiliary Milz Cancer Grant. Dine in or carry-out. Free will donation.

Pianist Dr. Katelyn Bouska, resident of Prague Czech Republic, will be performing at St. Wenceslaus Church in Spillville Friday, January 31st at 6:30pm. Dr. Bouska offers new insights into Antonin Dvorak. Come and experience Dvorak. Free Will Offering. Sponsored by Czech Heritage Partnership. More information, contact Ken Zajicek at 563-379-4100.



2025 Women's Conference



Women of the WORD

"O woman, great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28)



Barbara Heil Kathryn Whitaker

Saturday JANUARY 25 9:00AM - 1:30PM

Notre Dame Parish Hall
223 2nd Ave E

\$20/participant

Includes registration, breakfast, lunch, and recordings.

For more information: www.archwomensconference.org



Register by scanning the QR code or go to notredamecresco.com/womens-conference.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

2:00-4:00 PM NOTRE DAME SCHOOL GYM

OPEN TO ALL FATHERS (FATHER FIGURES) AND SONS AGES 12 AND UNDER. AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES, SNACKS, AND MORE! ATTENDEES ARE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY WISH.

CONTACT BRIAN MCGEE AT b.mcgee@dbqarch.org FOR MORE INFORMATION!



YOUTH WINTER OLYMPICS

Sunday, January 12th, 2025

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Notre Dame School Gym

Lunch Provided

Open to all students in grades 6-12



Adult Winter Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2025

5:00-10:00 PM

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