

Daily Readings for the Week of February 15, 2026

Feb. 15: Sirach 15:15-20/ Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Corinthians 2:6-10/Matthew 5:17-37
Feb. 16: James 1:1-11/ Psalms 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76/ Mark 8:11-13
Feb. 17: James 1:12-18/ Psalms 94:12-15, 18-19/ Mark 8:14-21
Feb. 18: Joel 2:12-18/ Psalms 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/ 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2/
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Feb. 19: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalms 1:1-4, 6/ Luke 9:22-25
Feb. 20: Isaiah 58:1-9/ Psalms 51:3-6, 18-19/ Matthew 9:14-15
Feb. 21: Isaiah 58:9-14/ Psalms 86:1-6/ Luke 5:27-32

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Feb. 15, 2026

Lector: Mark
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Mark/Mary Ann K
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Schedule for Feb. 22, 2026

Lector: Margo
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Evie/Kevin
Money Counters: Mary A M/Margo
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Rick

Today's Mass Intention

Treyton Lange

Mass Intention Feb. 22, 2026

Otto & Janice Lasack

Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

**PRAYER
CORNER**



Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns,
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen,
Carrie Leeper, Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek,
Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig, Marvin Ludwig,
Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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February 15, 2026

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Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

Lent begins this Wednesday. Last week I asked what you would do this Lent to grow closer to Jesus. This week I want to focus on our Lenten Practices. Since the early church, Catholics have added prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to their daily life to grow closer to Jesus. Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scriptures and renewing our daily prayer. An area I challenge you to partake in is to come to Adoration and just sit with the Lord in prayer and silence. When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? If it has been a while, take part in our Communal Reconciliation at St. John the Baptist. This Sacrament cleanses our soul of mortal sin. While in Adoration you can read Christ's words in the Gospels. Decide which scriptures you are going to read. The readings this year are from the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. John. As our Ash Wednesday declaration states "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospels." We need to read them to know what they are asking of us.

We also serve the Lord by giving alms. Giving of our treasure and talent to help others is what Christ has called us to do when he said "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Giving can focus on monetary donations, but we can also give the gift of our time using our God given talents to serve others. Maybe cooking a meal for someone who has had surgery. Or giving food to one of the food pantries. We should give so it affects our daily life, to experience the sacrifice of having to do with less. That is the goal of alms giving. Giving so it affects you and makes you appreciate God's abundant blessing upon you.

Lastly, we can practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to do a true inner conversion of heart by fasting from things we love or are addicted to like eating. We can also fast from favorite activities like TV programs or spending time on the internet. Fasting helps us to follow Christ more faithfully. Besides abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, we are called to practice self-discipline and fast throughout Lent. Our Lenten fast is to mirror what Christ did in the desert for forty days. We are to practice what Christ taught us in the Gospels including fasting. This fasting is spiritually healthy. It connects our prayer life to our human needs. When we give up something we like, we sacrifice for the Lord and connect to His own Sacrifice for us on the cross. **Have a Blessed Lent.**

Deacon Mark

Bible Study (Bible in a Year) will be Wednesday, February 18th at 6:15 in the library.

Table of Plenty will be March 1st. We will have refreshments that day as well. Refreshment Committee will be Glenda L, Amber F, and Pat V.

Important Notice: Sacred Heart Oxford Junction will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on Sunday, February 22nd.

The Spring Kolache bake day will be March 20th and 21st, 2026. Please help out with your time and/or donations to help support this fundraising effort.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal kicks off this weekend, February 14-15, 2026. As a reminder, it is important to send your gifts directly to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt Loretta Ave, Dubuque Ia 52003. Please pray for the thousands of individuals who will benefit from the success of this Annual Appeal.

CEW Retreat: Do you want your faith to grow during this Lenten season? This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer with God and fellow Christians. Ignite your faith by joining us for a Christian Experience Weekend! The CEW Retreat will be held February 27-March 1 at the Bean Farm in Scotch Grove, Iowa. The retreat begins Friday at 7:00 pm and concludes Sunday at approximately 4:30 pm. The renewal weekend is designed for adults to more deeply experience their relationships with themselves, God, and the Christian Community. Registration is \$55.00 and includes all meals, snacks, and lodging. For more information, please contact Lynn Engelken at 319-551-2139 or visit: <http://www.thebeanfarmofscotchgrove.org>

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for Feb. 14, 2026

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| Envelope | \$ 505.00 |
| Offertory | 91.00 |
| Candles | 19.00 |
| Solemnity/Initial | \$10.00 |
| Table of Plenty | \$101.00 |
| Total | \$ 726.00 |
| Bldg. Fund | \$10.00 |

Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM