

**Daily Readings for the
Week of April 27, 2025**

April 27: Acts 5:12-16/ Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19/
John 20:19-31

April 28: Acts 4:23-31/ Psalms 2:1-9/ John 3:1-8

April 29: Acts 4:32-37/ Psalms 93:1-2, 5/ John 3:7-15

April 30: Acts 5:17-26/ Psalms 34:2-9/ John 3:16-21

May 1: Genesis 1:26--2:3/ Psalms 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/ Matthew 13:54-58

May 2: Acts 5:34-42/ Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/ John 6:1-15

May 3: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/ Psalms 19:2-5/ John 14:6-14

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for April 27, 2025

Lector: Nathan

Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family

Servers: Declan/Evie

Money Counters: Jon/Monte

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Mary Ann/Rick

Schedule for May 4, 2025

Lector: CCD

Greeters/Gifts: CCD/Parents

Servers: CCD

Money Counters: Monte/Jon

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Ron/Margo

Today's Mass Intention

Mark Lasack

Mass Intention May 4th

Dolores Eganhouse

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, John Swan,

Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler,

Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,

Paul Rowan, Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

SACRED HEART



April 27, 2025

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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Mark Denniston

Sunday of Great Mercy

Dear Parishioner,

What do you need the most of right now? And of what does the world need the most? Isn't it the Mercy of God? We all need God's Mercy and so does the world. Consider what Saint Paul said in Roman 8:18-20, "I consider that our present sufferings are not comparable to the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but because of the One who subjected it, in hope." What Paul's strong assertion here is that God's Mercy is needed by all and not limited in its reach to all who are part of God's creation.

Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve, the world has subjected pain and suffering which has been passed on to all of humanity. We live in a broken world. But we don't have to keep a broken soul. And the solution is receiving God's Mercy to heal and mend our broken soul.

The Sunday of Divine Mercy therefore offers us hope. The Second Sunday of Easter is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a feast based on our Catholic belief in God's Mercy, and which leads us to engage in the various devotions related to the Divine Mercy.

The history of Divine Mercy is well known to many of us, originating from the instructions Jesus passed on to Saint Sister Faustina; Saint John Paul II instituted it as a feast to be combined with the Second Sunday of Easter. The pope at the time realized how critical it is for the Church to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of God's mercy to us.

Through Saint Sister Faustina's diary, the world has learned so much about Divine Mercy devotions focusing on Jesus' passion. Here are some familiar devotional practices:

The 3 o'clock hour: Pause to think about the passion of Christ and say the simple Divine Mercy prayers as part of the chaplet:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet: Pick any Divine Mercy Chaplet and learn how to pray for it and do it daily or regularly.

With the passing of Pope Francis, (Preacher of Mercy) on Monday after Easter Sunday, it has caused me to reflect on the death of John Paul (Apostle of Divine Mercy) 20 years ago this April, occurring on the Eve of Divine Mercy. I cannot but feel encouraged to trust in God's Mercy and pray for it to come to all of us.

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!"

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will meet today following Mass in the back of the church for a short meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Committee today following Mass in the library.

Bible Study has been rescheduled for April 30th at 6:30. We will then take a break for summer and resume studies on the fall. Dates to be determined.

The next Table of Plenty will be May 4th before and after Mass.

Refreshments will be served on May 11th after Mass to celebrate Mother's Day and Graduation. Refreshment Committee will be: Karen, Julie, Colleen and Wendy. Thank you ladies.

A big Thank You to all of you who participated in any way making our Lenten, Triduum, and Easter services so special. Our family church looks so welcoming with the outdoor and indoor flowers and decorations. Your time, talent and treasure is greatly appreciated. The choir put in many hours practicing and sounded terrific! We are so blessed to have so many members of our family who take time to help in any way possible to make Sacred Heart a warm and inviting place to Worship the Lord.

A secret member of our parish family brought Easter goodies for us and put them on the tables in the hall. If you didn't already get a goodie, please take one. Another member of our church family made prayer pockets for us to take home. Please check it out and take one for yourself, or other members of your family. Thank you for your generosity. We're so blessed and happy to have you as members of our church family!

WEEKLY OFFERING

April 20, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 495.00
Easter	1,015.00
Offertory	417.00
Candles	8.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,935.00

Baptism Information

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

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM