

**Daily Readings for the  
Week of June 1, 2025**

June 1: Acts 1:1-11/ Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9/ Ephesians 1:17-23/ Luke 24:46-53  
June 2: Acts 19:1-8/ Psalms 68:2-7/ John 16:29-33  
June 3: Acts 20:17-27/ Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21/ John 17:1-11  
June 4: Acts 20:28-38/ Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36/ John 17:11-19  
June 5: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ John 17:20-26  
June 6: Acts 25:13-21/ Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/ John 21:15-19  
June 7: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Psalms 11:4-5, 7/ John 21:20-25

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Schedule for June 1, 2025**

Lector: Shari  
Greeters/Gifts: Mary A K/Mary A M  
Servers: Kevin  
Money Counters: Mary/Kris  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Rick/Ron

**Schedule for June 8, 2025**

Lector: Margo  
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family  
Servers: Declan/Grady  
Money Counters: Margo/Sharon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron

**Today's Mass Intention  
Leonard Lasack**

Mass Intention June 8th  
Deceased Members of  
Ray Koppes Family

**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**



June 1, 2025

**Sacred Heart Office Hours**

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

**St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)**

**Office Hours:**

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

Phone: 319-895-6246

**St. Isidore (Springville) Office Hours:**

Wed. & Thurs.: 10:00am-3:00pm

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**The Ascension of the Lord**

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Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

### The Ascension of the Lord: “Jesus Christ Our Hope”

During his installation Mass, Pope Leo XIV concluded his homily with the following words of St. Augustine: “The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbor.”

As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven, the teaching of St. Augustine should strike us to think about what we are called to be, a church where everyone is in harmony with each other. The significance of the feast is combined with the beauty and uniqueness of the Mass, which we gather to celebrate each week. Our Sunday gatherings celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus, in which He gave us everything, is a call to live in harmony during and after the Mass when we are dismissed to “go in peace.”

Jesus indicated that harmony among His disciples would be the bedrock of His Church when He taught that He will always be with us whenever and wherever two or three gather in His name; He is there in their midst (Matt 18: 20). Christians are called to live in harmony knowing that Jesus is in their midst all the time. This is why during His life on earth, Jesus dedicated His entire life for service for *all* God’s children.

The Ascension into Heaven of our Lord Jesus Christ does not suggest, in any way, that He left His people. On the contrary, before ascending to the Father, He assured his disciples that He will be with them until the end of time (Matt 28: 20). This is rightly done. Our Lord is always with us. When we gather for worship, we are the Body of Christ, and Christ is present among us. He reveals Himself to us in His word when the word is proclaimed to us. The priest, in the celebration of the Sacrament, acts in the person of Christ. Our Lord therefore presented to us His priest. The Holy Spirit is seen as the powerful presence of Christ, empowering and guiding the Church and her members.

The event of Jesus’ suffering and death could not prevent Him from being with His disciples as He had promised. All the four evangelists narrate the event of his resurrection and post resurrection appearances. Luke even tells of the splendid walk that Jesus took with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. He listened to them closely with empathy over their fears and concerns about the event of His death and resurrection, which they had missed its meaning and reality.

All the post resurrection appearances of Jesus and the ascension that happened before their very eyes on the Mount of Olives were recounted for our benefits. These appearances are, as it were, to let us know that our God is near. He is close to us. They are incidents to tell us of the nearness of God and that whenever we gather in His name, He comes to us so that we can dwell in harmony with all even in difficult times.

**Happy Feast of the Ascension**

# News

Our “Table of Plenty” takes place today, before and after Mass.

Heads up! Our next Kolache bake will be September 5th and 6th.

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 22 with a 10:30 am outdoor Mass and a picnic to follow. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is our namesake and the actual date of the Feast this year is June 27th. We are hoping that all our parishioners and their families, past and present, will be able to attend. The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will provide loose-meat sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks and table service. We kindly ask that everyone to bring a dish to share and a blanket or lawn chair.

We were recently e-mailed a photo of Pope Leo XIV to download for our use to hang on our wall. This have been done on a temporary basis until a more permanent portrait can be purchased. Please forgive its appearance as it is only temporary.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### May 25, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 420.00
Offertory	70.00
Candles	4.00
Call to Share	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 794.00</b>

### Baptism Information

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

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM