

Daily Readings for the Week of September 1, 2024

Sunday, 9/1: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8/ Ps 15:2-5/ James 1:17-18,21-22,7/
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,22-23

Monday, 9/2: Genesis 2:4-9,15/ Ps 90:2-5,12-14,16/ Matthew 6:31-34

Tuesday, 9/3: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16/ Ps 145:8-14/ Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, 9/4: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/ Ps 33:12-15,20-21/ Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, 9/5: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23/ Ps 23:1-6/ Luke 5:1-11

Friday, 9/6: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/ Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40/ Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, 9/7: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15/ Ps 145:17-21/ Luke 6:1-5

Schedule for Sept 8, 2024

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family

Servers: Grady/Kevin

Money Counters: Sharon/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Rick/Mary A M



Today's Mass Intention Monk and Marguerite Coon

Mass Intention 9/8/2024
Paul and Mary 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, Rich Kleineck, Bill Ihns,

Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,

Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes,

Marsha Lasack, Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



Pastor Speaks

Dear Parishioners:

In Praise of Human Labor

“Now therefore, Israel, hear the statutes and ordinances I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you” (Deut. 4:1).

This weekend is Labor Day weekend. With the summer holidays drawing to a close, this weekend we celebrate human labor and acknowledge the immense contributions of all the hardworking individuals, active and retired, whose efforts continue to supply this nation’s needs and position it to share with the rest of the world, especially struggling nations and families.

The weekend also reminds us to connect with the founders of this nation, the trailblazers, the path-markers, the pioneer ***“builders”*** and ***“creators.”***

As Moses, the visionary leader we hear about in the first reading eloquently uttered to the Israelites, the early settlers perceptibly saw in advance the enormous potential of people present and future laboring together to establish one rich and great nation under God; so, they laid the foundation and contributed their part to the nation-building.

Besides establishing one nation under God, they also ensconced God’s commandments and Christian principles on walls, on the pages of the Constitution, and on the dollar bill to remind us that as we labor and earn our living, we do not have to forget that *“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.”* (James 1:17).

At the outset of the nation-building, families learned at home and the utility of the Bible as the main source in advancing learning, good values in general, and hard work was without question. People learned to read so that they could read the Bible and worship God from whom our freedom comes.

As we celebrate the blessing of human and productive labor, it will serve us to heed the caution given by Jesus in this weekend’s gospel: You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." Mark 7:8).