

**Daily Readings for the
Week of April 20, 2025**

April 20: Acts 10:34, 37-43/ Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Colossians 3:1-4/
John 20:1-9
April 21: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ Matthew 28:8-15
April 22: Acts 2:36-41/ Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/ John 20:11-18
April 23: Acts 3:1-10/ Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9/ Luke 24:13-35
April 24: Acts 3:11-26/ Psalms 8:2, 5-9/ Luke 24:35-48
April 25: Acts 4:1-12/ Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/ John 21:1-14
April 26: Acts 4:13-21/ Psalms 118:1, 14-21/ Mark 16:9-15

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for April 20, 2025

Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family
Servers: Kevin/Grady
Money Counters: Mary/Margo
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Ron/Rick

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

Today's Mass Intention

**Deceased Members of the Ray
Koppes Family**

Mass Intention April 27th
Mark 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, 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 20, 2025

Sacred Heart Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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

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PRAYER & SERVICE"**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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Easter Sunday

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Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

PASTOR SPEAKS

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

Christians all over the world rejoice because our Lord is risen. This is a joyful moment. The death and resurrection of Christ is not only historic but also a mystery. Mystery events and celebrations go beyond time and space. They maintain their originality. Thus, over two thousand years of Christ's death does not make it irrelevant to our time as some believe; its freshness is present to us this year as the past and will be forever.

So, we celebrate Easter. And this reminds us that our faith is not in vain. It is a feast of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Easter is a statement that death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter, this is the most important chapter. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father.

The Church asks us to rejoice and be glad. Easter does not only bring our attention to or recall the resurrection of Jesus and its impacts on the first disciples but also brings meaning to our life of faith. Easter does not only strengthen our faith in the resurrection but also empowers us to proclaim our faith and bear witness to the risen Lord.

As we celebrate the rising of the Lord from death, we must ask ourselves whether we have truly risen with him this Easter. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen clothes in the grave, in other words, he did not cling to any worldly possession nor allow them to pull him down. If we must truly rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary possessions that pull us down spiritually.

Through our Lenten observance, we died with Christ, so let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us seek the things of light, things that glorify God. We must be preoccupied with heavenly things by living like citizens of Heaven.

During this Easter, let us be convinced that despite all the suffering that we may encounter in our lives we will be given the crown of glory and share in the glory of our Lord. Let us remember that we are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Let us be channels of the Risen Jesus, bringing the peace of His resurrection to those with whom we live and work and worship with and to the world. Happy Easter!

News

He is Risen! Happy Easter to our wonderful church family!!



The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will meet on April 27th following Mass.

Bible Study will be on April 23rd at 6:30 in the library. 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, Deena, Colleen and Wendy. Thank you ladies!

You will find all the income and expense reports on the bulletin board regarding the kolache bake we have a few weeks ago. This fundraiser is one the events during 2025 the will help keep our church vibrant and viable. Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way to make this a very successful project.

WEEKLY OFFERING

April 13, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 460.00
Offertory	34.00
Candles	34.00
TOTAL	\$ 528.00

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