

Daily Readings for the Week of April 26, 2026

April 26: Acts 2:14, 36-41/ Psalms 23:1-6/ 1 Peter 2:20-25/ John 10:1-10
April 27: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4/ John 10:11-18
April 28: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalms 87:1-7/ John 10:22-30
April 29: Acts 12:24--13:5/ Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/ John 12:44-50
April 30: Acts 13:13-25/ Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/ John 13:16-20
May 1: Genesis 1:26--2:3/ Psalms 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/ Matthew 13:54-58
May 2: Acts 13:44-52/ Psalms 98:1-4/ John 14:7-14

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for April 26th

Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Mary A K/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Ron

Schedule for May 3rd

Lector: Oliver
Greeters/Gifts: J.Ahrendsen Family
Servers: Keven
Money Counters: Mark/Jon
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist : Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention Deceased Members of Koppes and Schewe Families

Mass Intention May 3, 2026
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, Karen Kleineck, Heather Scheiman, Bill Ihns,
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, Ed Schwerts,
Gene Schwerts, Julie Ahrendsen, Carrie Leeper,
Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig,
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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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4th Sunday of Easter

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Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Overview of Pastorate Leadership Structure—Part I

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we continue to process the meaning and implications of the newly created pastorates and what will be expected from priests and members of the parishes within them, I consider it timely to share some elements of the organizational structure that are meant to ensure that things take off well. Part I of this write-up deals with current structures in the various parishes of the archdiocese. It is mostly to draw attention to the existing leadership structure in our sister parishes and how they are impacted by the process.

Parishes are currently required to have both a pastoral council and a finance council. They also usually have standing commissions or committees such as liturgy, faith formation, stewardship, social justice, and parish life, with some additional standing or ad hoc committees for special programs or events. In clustered settings, parishes may also have cluster councils for collaboration across parishes.

Beginning in July 2026 through 2027, which are transition years in the Journey in Faith process in the archdiocese, major changes will be introduced to reflect the reality of the newly formed pastorates. All councils, commissions, and committees will remain advisory and non-voting and must be aligned with the mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

First, councils, commissions, and committees that will exist within the parish, pastorate, and archdiocesan levels must be aligned with and foster the mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. There will be no parish elections in May 2026 to choose and replace members of the Parish Council whose terms expire this year. Such members are expected to stay on for at least a year, while committee members do not need appointments.

Second, parishes will continue to have both pastoral and finance councils, but new constitutions and norms will replace current ones, including membership, elections, and responsibilities. Beginning in July 2026, all parish pastoral and finance council members will be appointed by the new pastor, with first consideration given to current members.

Third, a pastorate pastoral commission and a pastorate finance commission will be created as the primary leadership groups for pastorate planning and implementation. These commissions will include representation from the various parishes within the pastorate, and members will be appointed by the new pastor. They will play an important role in advising the pastor on the Pastorate Implementation Plan, including review of pastorate-level feedback gathered in Fall 2026. This plan will then be submitted to the archbishop in late Fall 2026 for final approval.

Fourth, parish-level standing committees, such as liturgy, faith formation, and social justice, will gradually be united into pastorate-wide standing committees for collaboration and ministry across the entire pastorate. All parish-level standing committees will transition to pastorate-level committees by June 30, 2027.

Thank you and Easter Peace and Joy!

Three young boys, Gus, & Ellis Ahrendsen and Wyatt Inglis, are making their First Communion this morning during in Mass. Please congratulate them, their parents and their teacher, Julie Ahrendsen, on this special day. We hope you have time to have a cookie and to celebrate with them.

There will be a brief meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart following Mass today.

The next two “Bible in a Year” study groups will be May 13th and May 27th at 6:15 in the church library.

The 33 Days of Morning Glory book studies will be this Wednesday, April 29th, May 6th and May 20th at 6:15 in the church library.

The May Liturgy Schedules are in the hallway.

Journey in Faith: The final pastorate plan was announced on April 11. Go to dbqjourneyinfaith.org to learn more. Please continue to grow your understanding of the *Journey in Faith plan by reading, reflecting, and praying on the mission, vision, and values of our archdiocese and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), located on the Journey in Faith website. It is here you will find accurate information about the plan and process. Please continue to pray for our archdiocese and the Journey in Faith plan to renew discipleship, strengthen our Catholic communities, and align parish structures to better fulfill the mission of the Church.*

Our Call to Share – Spring Collection; Next weekend, we’ll take up the *Our Call to Share – Spring collection, a 4-in-1 collection supporting important regional and national Catholic ministries. In your bulletin last week, you read about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Retirement Fund for Religious collections. The remaining two collections that make up this spring’s 4-in-1 collection are: The Hispanic Ministry Collection – A diocesan collection to specifically support Hispanic ministry at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque.*

The Catholic Communications Campaign – *A collection to assist the Church spread the Gospel message through media and communication efforts at the local, regional, and national levels.*

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for April 19, 2026	
Envelope	\$ 295.00
Offertory	66.00
Candles	8.00
Table of Plenty	71.00
TOTAL	\$ 440.00

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.