

Daily Readings for the Week of August 18, 2024

Sunday, 8/18: Proverbs 9:1-6/ Ps 34:2-7/ Ephesians 5:16-20/ John 6:51-58

Monday, 8/19: Ezekiel 24:15-23/ Deuteronomy 32:18-21/ Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, 8/20: Ezekiel 28:1-10/ Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35-36/ Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, 8/21: Ezekiel 34:1-11/ Ps 23:1-6/ Matthew 20:1-6

Thursday, 8/22: Isaiah 9:1-6/ Ps 113:1-8/ Luke 1:26-38

Friday, 8/23: Ezekiel 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-9/ Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, 8/24: Revelation 21:9-14/ Ps 145:10-13,17-18/ John 1:45-51

Schedule for August 25, 2024

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family

Servers: Kevin /Grady

Money Counters: Mary A M/Mary A K

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Margo/Rick



Today's Mass Intention

Betty Spurlin

Mass Intention 8/25/2024

Treyton Lange

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

These are Unusual Times

Dear Parishioners

We live in unusual times, and so many things are happening around the world, leaving an indelible mark of anxiety, fear, and uneasiness on our hearts, minds, and spirits. Politically, assassination attempts are on the rise all over the world. Mexico, South Korea, and our country are among the several nations that such shocking occurrences have shaken. Needless to mention the ongoing conflicts involving Israel and Hamas and Ukraine and Russia.

But that is not all! During the July 26 opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Paris, the horrific drag-queen-led depiction and mockery of the Last Supper touched the sensibility of the Christian world. Though Catholic leaders have demanded an apology for such a blasphemous ceremony, only time will tell if there will be any meaningful response.

And who could have imagined that this mockery would occur in Paris, on such a lofty stage. Yet, this is where we have come to, and who knows how much worse it is going to get. Living in these times can be unsettling for many of us. The natural tendency is to either become overwhelmed by such news or be aloof and ignorant of them as they happen.

The recommendation I have for you is based on the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians seriously: ***Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord (Eph 5:15-17).***

The first thing I recommend you do often in these times for wisdom and guidance is to know God's will by getting frequent time with Jesus in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Check adoration times in our sister parishes and other places. Adoration can be a real source of head-clearing and fresh air for us.

Pray the Rosary often. The Rosary is a means to defeat evil and receive guidance. Pray it as many times as you can in a day. I encouraged you to pray it alone, with family, and the church are encouraged.