

Daily Readings for the Week of January 26, 2025

Sunday, Jan.26: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10/ Psalms 19:8-10, 15/ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30/
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday, Jan.27: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28/ Psalms 98:1-6/ Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday, Jan.28: Hebrews 10:1-10/ Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11/ Mark 3:31-3
Wednesday, Jan.29: Hebrews 10:11-18/ Psalms 110:1-4/ Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, Jan.30: Hebrews 10:19-25/ Psalms 24:1-6/ Mark 4:21-25
Friday, Jan.31: Hebrews 10:32-39/ Psalms 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40/ Mark 4:26-34
Saturday, Feb.1: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19/ Luke 1:69-75/ Mark 4:35-41

Schedule for Feb. 2, 2025

Lector: CCD
Greeters/Gifts: CCD/Parents
Servers: CCD
Money Counters: Jon/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Ron/Rick



Today's Mass Intention Schewe Family

Mass Intention Feb. 2nd
Otto and Janice 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



SACRED HEART



January 26, 2025

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In Praise of God and the Jubilee Year of Hope

The Bible promises many blessings to us when we follow God's instructions. Some instructions relate to times and seasons, such as keeping the Sabbath and the year of jubilee. Others are about spending time with Him, such as daily prayer and weekly gatherings to honor Him.

Throughout history, we recognize that most great believers who experienced God's abundant blessings honored God promptly by following His instructions and spending regular time with Him and we are similarly encouraged to engage in.

To that end, the Jubilee Year 2025 has come upon us. The practice originated in Judaism and is enshrined in the Old Testament; it is one of the most instructive practices given to the people to observe.

God instructed Moses to establish a year of jubilee, as we learn from the book of Leviticus Chapter 25. Just as the seventh day of the week was the Sabbath, a day of rest, the Jews were to keep every seventh year as a "Sabbatical year" – a year of rest. The jubilee year took place after seven cycles of seven years, on the fiftieth year.

By its unique nature, a jubilee year in the Jewish tradition was meant to be a time for the Israelites, as God's people, to re-establish proper relationships with Him, one another, and other creations. Hence, it marked a period of forgiveness, debt cancellation, and restitution.

The practice has been part of the Catholic tradition for several centuries. The first record of a Christian jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and it was known as the "Holy Year" since it was seen as the time God's holiness was to transform us.

The frequency of jubilee years in the Church has changed over time. Initially, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343, Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between jubilees to 50 years, and in 1470, Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. For reasons, some special jubilees may be called *extraordinary* as the Jubilee of 2015, which Pope Francis proclaimed as The Year of Mercy.

Thus, in the Church, initially, the jubilee celebration included a plenary indulgence obtained by those who confessed their sins and daily visited the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul Outside the Wall for a specific number of days. Later the Church added other basilicas where the faithful could visit and they attain plenary indulgence.

Over time, the Church expanded the features and signs that have become the defining features of the jubilee celebrations, including the opening and closing of Holy Doors, pilgrimages, the sacrament of reconciliation, special prayers, indulgence, etc.

Because this year is dedicated to honoring the Lord as a Jubilee Year, we will continue to highlight this regularly in the bulletin and during Mass.

Our next Bible Study gathering will be on January 29th at 6:30 at Sacred Heart Church. Come and join us.

“My Eyes have seen your Salvation”

Simeon's words in the Gospel happens at every Mass. A Deacon at the Alter Assists the priest in this miracle. Has the Holy Spirit given you the thought of becoming a Deacon? The Cedar Rapids Deanery of Parishes will have an information meeting on the Diaconate, hosted at St. Patrick's Parish in Cedar Rapids, on January 28th at 7:00 pm. You and your spouse are invited to attend and learn more about the service Deacons provide to their assigned parish and the community. Many are called. Are you open to respond? If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mark Sanderfeld at (319) 743-5008 or Fr. Andrew.

Our next “Table of Plenty” will be on February 2nd. Refreshments will be served following Mass on February 2nd. Refreshment Committee will be: Katie, Margo and Stacy F. Thank you ladies!

Cultivating Intimate Friendship with God through Prayer A Morning for Men! Sat. February 1, 2025—St. Patrick Church Social Hall, Iowa City. Iowa City pastors, Fr. Andrew Rauenbuehler and Fr. Troy Richmond offer ways to foster a personal encounter with God during prayer so that He might transform our lives. Cost \$15, scholarships available for students. Register at www.stpastic.com Registration due by Jan. 27th

The 2025 Refreshment schedule has been completed and copies are available in the hallway. The schedule has also been emailed.

The spring/summer kolache bake will be on March 28-29. More information coming soon.

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 19, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 185.00
Offertory	76.00
Candles	18.00
TOTAL	\$ 279.00
Bldg. Fund	200.00

Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.