

Daily Readings for the Week of April 5, 2026

April 5: Acts 10:34, 37-43/ Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Colossians 3:1-4/
John 20:1-9

April 6: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ Matthew 28:8-15

April 7: Acts 2:36-41/ Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/ John 20:11-18

April 8: Acts 3:1-10/ Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9/ Luke 24:13-35

April 9: Acts 3:11-26/ Psalms 8:2, 5-9/ Luke 24:35-48

April 10: Acts 4:1-12/ Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/ John 21:1-14

April 11: Acts 4:13-21/ Psalms 118:1, 14-21/ Mark 16:9-15

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for April 5th

Lector: Mark

Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family

Servers: Grady/Kevin

Money Counters: Mark/Jon

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Schedule for April 12th

Lector: Steve

Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family

Servers: Kevin/Evie

Money Counters: Sharon/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist : Ron/Rick

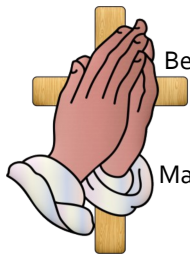
Today's Mass Intention Treyton Lang

Mass Intention April 12, 2026

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, Karen Kleineck, Heather Scheiman, Bill Ihns,
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, Ed Schwers,
Gene Schwers, Julie Ahrendsen, Carrie Leeper,
Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig,
Marvin Ludwig, Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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April 5, 2026

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Mark Denniston

Easter Sunday: Journey With Jesus Christ

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Easter to every one of you. Easter always reminds us of the self-emptying life, love, and sacrifice of Jesus, which transformed the destiny of humanity forever. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus left an all-time mark on human history as the Savior of the world and, therefore, as the only one who saves each of us. I hope you have a meaningful Easter season.

We celebrate the Easter story as the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, in which the Son of God took on human flesh in the virgin womb of Mary and was born to live among us, going through common human experiences of thirst, hunger, pain, suffering, wounds, and broken relationships. But the Easter story also indicates how Jesus becomes the answer and solution to all these phenomena that we all face in life as well. He left us the Eucharist to satisfy our hunger and thirst and to heal our wounds, pain, and broken relationship with God and with one another.

Let us therefore rejoice with the resurrected Lord for having enacted our salvation and offered us the opportunity to experience freedom from the weight of sin and weakness and from the power of darkness. This Easter, think about your life and find the place of God in it. Thank God for it. Also, consider yourself as being on a personal journey with Jesus through life and stay with him, holding on to him tightly through the ebb and flow of your daily life; talk to him always in prayer and worship.

Giving in the Pastorate

In a few days during this Easter season, the announcement of pastorates, as a major step in the Journey in Faith process, will be made. An important point we should all note is that we are strongly encouraged to shift our giving approach from envelopes to ACH or online giving. The archdiocese has indicated that parishes will continue to maintain the financial operations of their accounts locally for at least some time.

Once the pastorate Mass schedules get underway, though parishioners may choose to attend Mass at places that are not their original parishes, they are still obligated to direct their offerings and contributions to their registered parishes. Therefore, a much easier way to accomplish this obligation is to utilize a system that ensures a regular and flexible transfer of your donation to the parish. ACH or online giving enables parishioners and families of every parish to keep supporting their home parish.

For most of us, our religious heritage is an essential dimension of our lives. The church in which we received our sacraments forms part of the bedrock of our faith, making it significant that we support our parishes to maintain them, whether they are open for regular Masses or not.

As Easter approaches and we wait to hear the announcement about the pastorate and priest assignments, take time to reflect on the life, love, and sacrifice of Christ. Journey with Jesus and embrace the decisions and outcomes of the Journey in Faith process in the archdiocese. Together, let us renew the Church Jesus built upon Peter and support it to continue to expand the kingdom.

Happy Joyful Easter!

Happy Easter to everyone!!!

The next Table of Plenty will be April 12th before and after Mass.

Refreshments will be served following Mass on April 12th. The Refreshment Committee: Kathy M, Amy E. and Mary A K Thank you ladies!

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart is April 26 after Mass.

The next "Bible in a Year" study group will be April 8th at 6:15 in the church library.

The 33 Days of Morning Glory book study will be April 15th at 6:15 in the church library.

The next Parish Council meeting will be April 19th in the library following Mass.

Journey in Faith: New Life, Renewal, and Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life, renewal, and hope. This same spirit guides our Journey in Faith pastoral planning process which is focused on strengthening our parishes through collaboration and shared resources, deepening our encounter with Christ through a focus on evangelization, and preparing our communities for the future both in structure and leadership information.

Over the past year, much prayer, listening, and discernment have taken place as we seek to respond faithfully to the needs of our Church today. This work is rooted in trust- trust in the Holy Spirit, one another, and in the path God is calling us to walk together. A significant update regarding this process will be shared the weekend of April 11. We encourage all parishioners to stay engaged, continue praying for this journey, and take time to review the announcement when it is released.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for March 29, 2026	
Envelope	490.00
Offertory	39.00
Candles	36.00
Easter	200.00
TOTAL	\$765.00

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.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM