

**Daily Readings for the  
Week of February 23, 2025**

Feb.23: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49/ Luke 6:27-38  
Feb.24: Sirach 1:1-10/ Psalms 93:1-2, 5/ Mark 9:14-29  
Feb.25: Sirach 2:1-11/ Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mark 9:30-37  
Feb.26: Sirach 4:11-19/ Psalms 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175/ Mark 9:38-40  
Feb.27: Sirach 5:1-8/ Psalms 1:1-4, 6/ Mark 9:41-50  
Feb.28: Sirach 6:5-17/ Psalms 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/ Mark 10:1-12  
Mar.1: Sirach 17:1-15/ Psalms 103:13-18/ Mark 10:13-16

**Schedule for March 2, 2025**

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



**Today's Mass Intention  
Dolores Eganhouse**

Mass Intention March 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

**Prayer Corner**

Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, John Swan,  
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,  
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,  
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



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**Sacred Heart Office Hours**

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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**Office Hours:**

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

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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## PASTOR SPEAKS

### 2025 Lenten and Parish Mission

Dear Parishioners,

As we race towards the end of winter, we anticipate some warm days soon. That sounds exciting, doesn't it? Honestly, I am prepared to skip spring and get to summer. But while we wait for our favorite seasons to arrive, I would like to draw your attention to another season that is starting in two weeks— for this one is a spiritual season and good for our souls— Lent.

Following Ash Wednesday, March 5, the traditional Lenten spiritual activities such as Stations of the Cross during the weekdays, reconciliation opportunities, adorations, and talks will begin. More details will be provided on parish websites, other social media platforms, and in bulletins.

However, on this occasion, I would like to address myself to the Parish Mission that will take place on March 9 & 10. It is meant for all our three-sister, linked parishes of St. John, St. Isidore, and Sacred Heart. And I would like to personally invite all of you to consider attending it.

What then is a parish mission?

Parish missions can be understood as a retreat for the parishioners to renew themselves and the parish. While parish missions can take several forms, often speaker (s) are invited to the parish to lead the missions with a series of talks on themes related to the Catholic faith to inspire and challenge the parishioners to sustain their individual and collective faith. A parish mission can take a day or two or even more.

You might have already heard through earlier announcements about this year's theme, *"Recharging your Spiritual Battery."* It was chosen by the speaker upon my recommendation.

In addition, regarding the timing for the Mission, you may recall that the last mission we had two years ago also took place in the first week of Lent just like this one. I think that starting the Lenten Season with a parish mission puts us in the spirit of Lent and gets us to start thinking deeply about the season and the spiritual expectations.

Also, you may remember that at the last mission, there was a one topic presentation and the content for the two days was the same. Therefore, it was suggested that one could attend one of the two days and receive the same information. However, while the topic of this year's presentation is the same for the two nights, the content is different each day. Therefore, to miss one night means missing one half of the presentation. So, I strongly urge everyone to plan to make the two-day mission. But if your schedule does not permit it, make at least one.

Thank you.

## News

Next Sunday, March 2nd will be our "Table of Plenty" Please bring in items to sell and make a purchase or two to help support Sacred Heart.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will have a short meeting after Mass today in the library.

**Uplifting our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:** At Catholic Charities, we have the privilege of renewing hope when all seems lost and walking alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ through their darkest moments. For those who are elderly, disabled, struggling with mental illness, separated from their families, incarcerated, facing homelessness, and altogether isolated, we are here. Your gift directly impacts families in Northeast Iowa. Please consider partnering with Catholic Charities and contribute to the Annual Appeal today. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/annualappeal>.

Sacred Heart has three students who will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on March 9th, 2025. Please keep Declan Dies, Timothy Driver and Lucas Carlson in your prayers as they get closer to their confirmation date.

**Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on March 7th for Sacred Heart OJ starting at 6pm with Stations of the Cross.**

RECHARGING YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERS — Lenten Parish Mission, Sunday, March 9th and 10th 6:30-7:45 St. John Mt, Vernon. Presented by Deacon Allen Tatar, a dynamic and passionate Catholic motivational speaker, preacher, storyteller, musician and evangelist. In many ways our spiritual life is a lot like a cell phone battery. There are times when our "spiritual battery" is fully charged. We can all use a recharge in our faith journey. Please join us for both of Deacon Tatar's presentations.



### Feb. 9, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 435.00
Offertory	105.00
Candles	8.00
Kitchen Rent	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 598.00</b>

### Baptism Information

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

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM