

## Daily Readings for the Week of August 25, 2024

Sunday, 8/25: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18/ Ps 34:2-3,16-21/ Ephesians 5:21-32/ John 6:60-69

Monday, 8/26: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-15,11-12/ Ps 96:1-5/ Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, 8/27: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17/ Ps 96:10-13/ Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, 8/28: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18. Ps 128:1-2,4-5/ Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, 8/29: Jeremiah 1:17-19/ Ps 71:1-6,15,17/ Mark 6:17-29

Friday, 8/30: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25/ Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-21/ Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, 8/31: 1 Corinthians 1:26-21/ Ps 33:12-13,18-21/ Matthew 25:14-30

## Schedule for Sept 1, 2024



Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family

Servers: Kevin

Money Counters: Monte/Kris

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Margo/Jon

## Today's Mass Intention Treyton Lange

Mass Intention 9/1/2024  
Monk and Marguerite Coon

### 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](mailto: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

## Reverence for the Eucharist

Dear Parishioners

The liturgical readings for this weekend invite us to reflect on our worship of God and how we approach Him or honor Him as we conclude reading the entire Chapter 6 of John. Two strong appeals are made to that effect in the readings.

The first is from Joshua to the Israelites: "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him completely and sincerely...As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:14-15). The second is from Jesus to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69)

An elderly man was found in the church in a posture of a deep bow in the pews fervently praying. When he ended his prayer and was leaving, the minister who saw him expressed the heart-warming effect he felt seeing him in such deep prayer and reverence. Then the aged man responded in these words:

"It was here I found Christ and saw the conversion of my family. I shared this pew for many years with my wife and heard God's voice speaking to my soul on many occasions. It was from this church that my beloved wife was carried to her last resting place; and when my race is run, I wish to rest here before joining her. Oh! it is indeed a hallowed place, and I love to come here and commune with God."

Worship is an act of reverence rendered to God. And is worthy of the highest reverence; therefore we must discover how to bring profound reverence into the worship of the Almighty in our parish churches. We know that long ago, God gave exact and perfect rules to priests and people about their conduct in His holy place and the ancient tabernacle. The truth is that God's ways have not changed.

As Catholics, the Mass constitutes the highest worship and reverence to God; for it is a remembrance of what Jesus Himself did and asked us to do. Therefore, the altar, the tabernacle, the chalice, the ciborium, and most of all the Eucharistic spices of bread and wine (body & blood of Christ) all require us to enter the church and approach our worship showing physical and spiritual reverence. Both our appearance and conduct at Mass matter.