

Daily Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

May 17: Acts 1:1-11/ Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9/ Ephesians 1:17-23/
Matthew 28:16-20
May 18: Acts 2:44-47/ Psalms 131:1-3/ Luke 12:22-31
May 19: Acts 20:17-27/ Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21/ John 17:1-11
May 20: Acts 20:28-38/ Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36/ John 17:11-19
May 21: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ John 17:20-26
May 22: Acts 25:13-21/ Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/ John 21:15-19
May 23: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Psalms 11:4, 5, 7/ John 21:20-25

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for May 17th

Lector: Steve
Greeters/Gifts: Mary A M/Mary A K
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Mary A M/Mary A K
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Jon/Mary A M

Schedule for May 24th

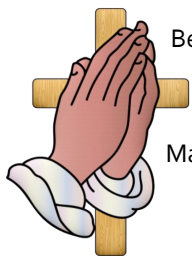
Lector: Margo
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Margo/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist : Margo/Ron

Today's Mass Intention Treyton Lange

Mass Intention May 24, 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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May 17, 2026

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Ascension of the Lord: Overview of Pastorate Leadership Structure—Part IV

This week, I am bringing you the final summary of the document on the Overview of the Pastorate Leadership Structure. The focus is on standing committees of individual parishes. JIF team shared the full document with the parish staff, Parish Council, and Finance Council. But I decided to share these summaries with you so that you are aware of how the pastorate leadership will be organized.

The various standing committees of individual parishes will gradually unify into pastorate-level committees throughout 2026–27. This unification will allow efforts to benefit all parishioners within a pastorate. Due to local conditions and necessity, some standing committees will unify more quickly than others, with overall planning included in the Pastorate Implementation Plan

The **Pastorate Liturgy Committee** will support and foster the liturgical life of the Pastorate, including Mass planning, liturgical ministries, music, and environment. Because of the interim Mass schedule beginning in July 2026, liturgy committees will be among the first to unify their efforts, especially in ministry planning, scheduling, and training before July 2026.

The **Pastorate Evangelization Committee**, formerly known as faith formation committees or commissions, will promote sharing the Gospel with those yet to know Jesus, those disconnected from their faith, and those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. This will include formation and evangelization for all ages, with full unification of faith formation programming expected by September 2027.

The **Pastorate Life Committee** will build community within Pastorate by honoring special events and traditions while fostering new life together.

The **Pastorate Stewardship Committee** will help form missionary disciples by encouraging parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasure in service to the Church and communities.

The **Pastorate Faith in Action Committee** will coordinate education, ministries, and service activities rooted in Scripture and Catholic social teaching, including respect life, care for creation, and social justice.

The **Pastorate Buildings & Grounds Committee** will work with finance councils and the Pastorate Finance Commission to study parish-owned buildings and grounds, identify efficiencies, and help create a long-term facilities plan.

I hope these summaries have been helpful to gain some perspectives on parish and pastorate level leadership organizations.

Happy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Thank you.

Please Save the Date: Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate our namesake, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, with an outdoor Mass followed by a potluck picnic. We hope you are able to attend. Please let family and friends of Sacred Heart know about this most important day for our church. It will be a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship. Loose meat sandwiches, beverage and table service will be supplied. We ask you to bring a dish to share, chair or blanket and your wonderful stories of your days at Sacred Heart.

Bible study will take place on May 27th at 6:15 in the church library.

The 33 Days of Morning Glory book studies will be May 20th, (focusing on week four and the end of book) at 6:15 in the church library

Journey in Faith: Tithing You will find forms in the hallway to fill out if you are interested in automatic withdrawal for tithing. Fill out the form and give to Wendy Swan.

Journey in Faith: Diverting Funds to an Outside 501c3 Corporation: While parishioners are free to support causes they care about, it is important to be clear that donations to independent nonprofit organizations are not a substitute for parish offertory giving. The most important way to support your parish is through your continued prayer, engagement, and financial stewardship. There are groups asking for parishioners to divert funds from tithing to a 501c3 organization. Diverting tithing to an outside group will have unintended consequences to parish life

Parishioners are encouraged to support their parish through the tithing methods set up by each individual parish. Your parish relies on offertory support to remain a vibrant center of sacramental life, pastoral care, and mission. These funds directly support your pastor, staff, ministries, and the broader life of the parish.

Outside organizations operate independently and are not part of the parish or the Arch-diocese. As a result, diverting financial support to them can diminish the resources available for the parish and people it serves. Your pastor, parish council, and finance council will not have oversight or access to funds from outside groups. It is not likely or guaranteed your gift to these 501c3 organizations will benefit your parish. If parishioners divert funds to outside groups, this will dramatically impact a parish's ability to fund their operations and ministries and maintain parish vitality.

For this reason, parishioners are strongly encouraged to continue prioritizing their giving to their parish, where their support directly sustains the Church's mission and ministry in their local community.



Collection for May 10, 2026

Envelope	\$ 293.00
Offertory	91.00
<u>Candles</u>	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 404.00

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