

Daily Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026

Feb. 1: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13/ Psalms 146:6-10/ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/
Matthew 5:1-12

Feb. 2: Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalms 24:7-10/ Hebrews 2:14-18

Feb. 3: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3/ Psalms 86:1-6/ Mark 5:21-43

Feb. 4: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/ Psalms 32:1-2, 5-7/ Mark 6:1-6

Feb. 5: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chronicles 29:10-12/ Mark 6:7-13

Feb. 6: Sirach 47:2-11/ Psalms 18:31, 47, 50-51/ Mark 6:14-29

Feb. 7: 1 Kings 3:4-13/ Psalms 119:9-14/ Mark 6:30-34

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Feb. 1, 2026

Lector: Steve
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Jon/Monte
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Rick/Ron

Schedule for Feb. 8, 2026

Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Sharon/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Margo/Jon

Today's Mass Intention

Dolores Eganhouse

Mass Intention Feb. 8, 2026

Leonard Lasack

Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns,
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, 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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February 1, 2026

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Getting to Know Paulina Sarbah

Many of us come to church each Sunday carrying the quiet stories of the people who shaped our faith, and my mother, Paulina Sarbah, whom most of you have been praying for—especially when she became ill two years ago and after she passed this December—is one such woman. My mother truly shaped the lives of the ten children God blessed her with, and her counsel to us continues, to this day, to influence my priesthood. We all have fond memories of her, with the greatest being her sacrifices and caring love toward us and our friends, some of whom came to live with us.

This weekend, I thought I would give a brief portrait and share a little information about my mother as I join my family to celebrate her life.

My mother was born on April 26, 1939, to the late Mr. John F. A. Sarbah and Anastasia Sarbah. Her father was a schoolteacher (principal) and, as such, he accepted the Catholic faith and became a catechist. The whole family became committed members of the Catholic faith. That faith shaped my mother's character, guided her choices, and remained her anchor throughout life. She lived her faith not through many words, but through patience, humility, prayer, and service, and this is what she passed on to us.

As a young girl, she was made to discontinue her formal education to support her mother in caring for siblings who were largely boys, embracing responsibility early in life. Later, she married her husband, Mr. Nicholas Mensah, with whom she had ten children. However, her husband died a few years after their ten children were born, making her a widow for over forty years.

My mother Paulina was known for her gentle strength, love for peace, respect for others, and deep sense of family. She opened her home to many and taught by example the values of discipline, humility, and communal living. Her prayers were simple, sincere, and constant.

Her Catholic faith was central to her life. She loved attending Mass, praying the rosary, and singing the sacred hymns of the Church. Even when old age limited her physical strength, her faith never weakened.

As most of you recall, two years ago she fell ill. But through your prayers, God gave us two more years with her. This past Christmas marked exactly two years since she first became sick, and though I was arranging to go and see her, God called her from us.

My mother left behind a legacy of faith, sacrifice, humility, and unwavering love for family. She is survived by ten children, eighteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. Her life reminds us that holiness is often found in quiet faithfulness. I know God gave her the great task of raising ten children, and she did it all—and did it well—to the end.

Please keep praying for the repose of her soul and for support for my family.

Table of Plenty is today before and following Mass.

Refreshments will be served today following Mass. The Refreshment Committee will be Mary Ann M, Wendy S. and C. Thank you ladies.

Fr. Andrew is currently in Ghana to preside over his mother's funeral and spend time with family. He will be returning on February 26th. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers during this time. Prayers for safe travel as well.

The books Deacon Mark spoke about in his Homily on December 28th are "Consecration to St. Joseph" and "33 Days of Morning Glory". We should get them today.

Important Notice: Sacred Heart Oxford Junction will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on Sunday, February 22nd.

Reminder: Mass Intentions are now \$10.00 and 6 day candles are \$4.00

Members of our parish have recently lost family members.

Carl M. Koppes, 84, of rural Monmouth, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Carl is the brother of Donna Schewe. Let us pray for Carl, Donna and their family.

Edith Bertha Schwers, 88, of Anamosa entered the gates of heaven on Sunday January 25, 2026. Edith is the mother of Patty Manuel. Please keep Edith, Patty and their family in our prayers..

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for Jan. 25, 2026	
Envelope	\$ 310.00
Offertory	63.00
Candles	36.00
Total	\$ 409.00

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.