

Daily Readings for the Week of Nov. 2nd

Nov. 2: Wisdom 3:1-9/ Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14/ Romans 5:5-11/
John 11:17-27
Nov. 3: Romans 11:29-36/ Psalms 69:30-31, 33-34, 36-37/ Luke 14:12-14
Nov. 4: Romans 12:5-16/ Psalms 131:1-3/ Luke 14:15-24
Nov. 5: Wisdom 3:1-9/ Psalms 23:1-6/ John 6:37-40
Nov. 6: Romans 14:7-12/ Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Luke 15:1-10
Nov. 7: Romans 15:14-21/ Psalms 98:1-4/ Luke 16:1-8
Nov. 8: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Psalms 145:2-5, 10-11/ Luke 16:9-15

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Nov. 2, 2025

Lector: Mark
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Mark/Mary A K
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Schedule for Nov. 9, 2025

Lector: Nathan
Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family
Servers: Grady
Money Counters: Monte/Jon
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron

Today's Mass Intention

Duane Feuss and Gib Feuss

Mass Intention Nov. 9, 2025
Arnold Curley Sr.,
Arnold Curley Jr.
Steven Welsh and
Bill Horstmann

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, Bill Ihns, Mary Hansen,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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November 2, 2025 Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed

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PASTOR SPEAKS

November 2nd – All Souls Day

I am sharing the reflection that follows these brief comments from Archbishop Zinkula, with you on this solemn occasion of the commemoration of the faithful departed from our parishes, families, communities, and the Universal Church and as we continue to discern the Journey in Faith. Blessings to you and may the souls of our dear faithful depart through the mercy of God rest in peace. His message now follows:

As we commend our departed loved ones to God's mercy today, we are reminded that dating back to the early Church, followers of Jesus Christ have offered prayers for the dead within the Eucharistic celebration. As they remembered their deceased relatives and friends, they united that prayer with the memorial of the Mass in which believers actively recall the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Our Lord directed that we should do "this" - celebrate the Eucharist - and remember him. By the second century Christians celebrated the Eucharist over the tombs of martyrs, connecting their sacrifices to the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, and by the third century Pope Felix I decreed that Mass should be celebrated exclusively on the tombs of martyrs. This led to the requirement that every consecrated altar contains a relic (no longer mandatory).

As Catholics, at Mass we unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the altar of the cross. The priest invites, "pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father."

As part of the Journey in Faith process, even very faithful Catholics suggest that we could simply distribute Holy Communion on Sundays outside of Mass to fulfill the prescript to keep the Lord's Day holy. However, while receiving Holy Communion offers critical nourishment to our souls, celebrations such as Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of the Priest (SCAP) or liturgies referred to as Word and Communion services fail the Lord's bidding to do THIS - the Eucharistic celebration, the Mass - in memory of Him. No sacrifice is offered when Communion is distributed outside of Mass. Only the fruit of the sacrifice is given.

During the Mass, bread and wine that will become the precious Body and Blood of Christ are taken, blessed, broken (the bread), and distributed. These actions remind us of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the Last Supper, and the Road to Emmaus. We dine in a banquet which foreshadows the heavenly wedding feast where holy ones will dine with the Lamb of God, eating and drinking. Reception of Holy Communion outside of Mass typically involves only eating and therefore limps in this important symbolism, and again, fails to follow the teaching of Christ to eat and drink.

Receiving Holy Communion outside of Mass normally involves those who are sick and dying, who cannot travel for a celebration of the Eucharist. Those faithful Catholics who can travel have the awesome ability and responsibility to participate in the sacrifice and dine at the banquet of the Lord.

On this All Souls Day, we remember our loved ones, give thanks for their sacrifices, and anticipate joining them in the heavenly banquet. How appropriate to do so, as has been our longstanding tradition, in the Eucharist where we remember, offer sacrifice, and feast, anticipating the joy of heaven as we sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

News

Today is All Soul's Day. There will be a procession of family members who will carry the candles for their loved ones to the altar. If you wish to take your candle/candles after, please see Doris. You may also leave the candles at church to be used throughout the year.

Cinnamon Roll Bake is scheduled for November 15th. Please be aware that orders are due by November 7th. There is a sign up sheet in the hall for helping on the 15th and a sheet for donating supplies and/or donating cash to help purchase supplies. Please consider donating to defray the cost of supplies needed.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE! "Table of Plenty" will take place on Nov. 16th before and after Mass. There will also be refreshment served that day. Committee is: Mary Hansen, Mary A M, and Donna Schewe. Thank you ladies.

Sacred Heart Parish Council is selling chances for a Fall Cash Drawing Fundraiser. Chances are \$10.00 each with only 500 chances sold. You have three chances to win with 1st Drawing for \$500 2nd Drawing for \$250 3rd Drawing for \$100. Drawing will be held sometime before Christmas! Need not be present to win. See Glenda or Kris after Mass if you wish to purchase a chance and support their fundraising efforts.

There will be a bible study after Mass today for those who missed the last Wednesday evening study. We will focus on day 4. Bible study will take place on Wednesday evening at 6:15 on Nov. 5th (focus 5th day) and Nov. 19th (focus 6th day).

Journey in Faith

Thanks again for attending our Session #2 Journey in Faith. Please attend our next session on November 9th to make sure your voices gets documented in the Journey in Faith process. All input will again be recorded and sent to the Archdiocese. Let's do our best to keep Sacred Heart OJ a viable site for a weekend Mass. WE ARE SMALL BUT STRONG!!!! I hope that everyone is utilizing the feedback form to share your reasons/ideas for keeping our church open for weekend Mass in the future.

The e-mail address for the feedback form is: dbqjourneyinfaith.org

WEEKLY OFFERING

October 26, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$185.00
Offertory	117.00
Candles	44.00
TOTAL	346.00
Bld. Fund	200.00

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