

**Daily Readings for the
Week of April 6, 2025**

April 6: Isaiah 43:16-21/ Psalms 126:1-6/ Philippians 3:8-14/ John 8:1-11
April 7: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Psalms 23:1-6/ John 8:12-20
April 8: Numbers 21:4-9/ Psalms 102:2-3, 16-21/ John 8:21-30
April 9: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Daniel 3:52-56/ John 8:31-42
April 10: Genesis 17:3-9/ Psalms 105:4-9/ John 8:51-59
April 11: Jeremiah 20:10-13/ Psalms 18:2-7/ John 10:31-42
April 12: Ezekiel 37:21-28/ Jeremiah 31:10-13/ John 11:45-56

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for April 6, 2025

Lector: CCD
Greeters/Gifts: CCD Parents
Servers: CCD
Money Counters: Mary A M/Monte
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Jon/Margo

Schedule for April 13, 2025

Lector: Mark/Steve
Greeter/Gifts: Denniston Family
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Mark/Sharon
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

**Today's Mass Intention
Paul and Mary Lasack**

Mass Intention April 13th
Treyton Lange

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, John Swan,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Paul Rowan, Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

SACRED HEART



April 6, 2025

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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

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PRAYER & SERVICE"**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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5th Sunday of Lent

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

5th Sunday of Lent-- Journeying with Christ: The Way of the Cross.

The Way of the Cross (Via Crucis), also known as the Stations of the Cross, is a devotional and contemplative exercise usually practiced during the season of Lent. It is an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrims used to visit the sites where Jesus walked. These sites became pilgrimage sites. Later, when it was no longer easy or even impossible to see the holy sites, European villages started creating “replicas” of these sacred sites with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became a set of fourteen stations that we know of and were placed in every Catholic Church worldwide.

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross are embedded with a rich, deep, and meaningful closeness to Christ's experience. However, we can also lose sight of this profound personal experience and how to relive it daily. The following are reasons why we pray the Stations of the Cross.

THEY PUT US INTO THE STORY: We are incorporated into the story of salvation. You get the opportunity to assume or identify with one or two of the characters. You can be Pilate, Simon, Mary, Veronica, the soldiers, or among Jerusalem's women.

THEY REMIND US THAT JESUS SUFFERS WITH US: The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing our crosses on his shoulders and saying: Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone. I will take it with you. I have overcome death and come to give you hope to give your life (Cf Jn 3: 16).

THEY COMPEL US TO ACTION: The Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by His mercy, teaching us always to look upon others with pity and tenderness, especially those who suffer, need help, need a word, or some other a concrete action.

THEY HELP US TO KNOW THE DEPTH OF GOD’S LOVE: The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find His immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust. Through the Stations of the Cross, we come to know the unconditional love that an innocent God has for His guilty children.

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick and Blessing Healthcare & First Responders will be take place during Mass today.

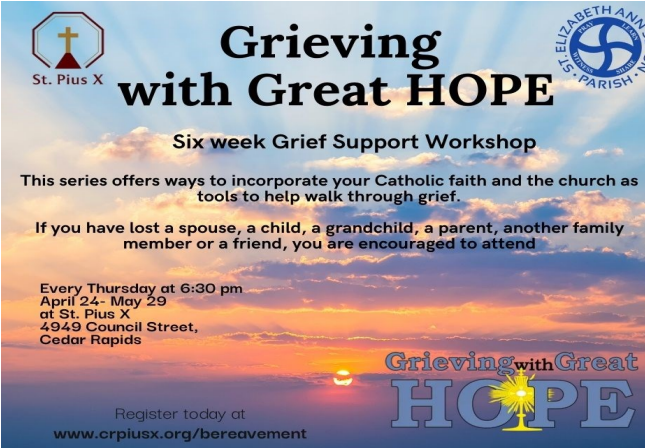
“Table of Plenty” will be open before and after Mass today. Please consider donating some baked goods or a craft that you think someone would appreciate. Remember to price the items before you bring them in. The money collected from sale of these items each month goes towards our fundraising goal for 2025 of \$15,000.

Refreshments will be served following Mass today. Amy Eganhouse, Kathleen Mizaur and Mary Ann Kouba will be hosting. Thank you ladies.

Our bible study dates for April will be the 9th and the 23rd, at 6:30pm in the church library.

Parishioners are invited to bring Easter flowers to decorate our altar during the Easter season. The altar will be decorated sometime after the Good Friday service at church.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the kolache bake last week. We made over 3600 kolaches. There will be a detailed reports coming out soon on the bulletin board showing income and expenses from the sale.



Grieving with Great HOPE

Six week Grief Support Workshop

This series offers ways to incorporate your Catholic faith and the church as tools to help walk through grief.

If you have lost a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend

Every Thursday at 6:30 pm
April 24- May 29
at St. Pius X
4949 Council Street,
Cedar Rapids

Register today at
www.crpiusx.org/bereavement

St. Pius X logo and Elizabeth Ann Seton 15th Parish logo are also present.

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 30, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 260,00
Offertory	46.00
Candles	32.00
TOTAL	\$ 338.00
Kolache Bake	\$ 3,968.00

Baptism Information

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

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM