

## Daily Readings for the Week of July 6, 2025

July 6: Isaiah 66:10-14/ Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20/ Galatians 6:14-18/  
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20  
July 7: Genesis 28:10-22/ Psalms 91:1-4, 14-15/ Matthew 9:18-26  
July 8: Genesis 32:23-33/ Psalms 17:1-3, 6-7, 8, 15/ Matthew 9:32-38  
July 9: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24/ Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/  
Matthew 10:1-7  
July 10: 2 Corinthians 4:6-11, 16, 17/ Psalms 59:2, 10, 17-18/ Matthew 16:24-27  
July 11: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30/ Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
Matthew 10:16-23  
July 12: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26/ Psalms 105:1-4, 6-7/ Matthew 10:24-33

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for July 6, 2025

Lector: Nathan  
Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family  
Servers: Kevin  
Money Counters: Monte/Jon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Rick/Mary A M

### Schedule for July 13, 2025

Lector: Oliver  
Greeters/Gifts: J Ahrendsen Family  
Servers: Evie/Gabi  
Money Counters: Mary A M/Mary A K  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron

### Today's Mass Intention Duane and Jean Feuss

Mass Intention July 13, 2025

Delores Eganhouse

### 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, Mary Hansen, Paul Rowan, Chris Gibbs,  
Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

# SACRED HEART



July 6, 2025

### Sacred Heart Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

### St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)

#### Office Hours:

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

Phone: 319-895-6246

### St. Isidore (Springville) Office Hours:

Wed. & Thurs.: 10:00am-3:00pm

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jon Eganhouse

Abby Inglis

Amber Fall

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Glenda Leeper

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Donna Schewe

Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

### Journey in Faith as the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, we received a letter from Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, inviting all the good people of the Archdiocese of Dubuque to join in finding innovative ways to engage in our common mission as missionary disciples of Christ in our parishes. Due to the significance of the message, I also requested that the letter be emailed to each of us so that we could read it, reflect on it, and share insights on how we can stay engaged together. If you were not in Church or haven't had the chance to read it, please try to make time for it.

The letter was issued following a three-day convocation of all priests in the archdiocese, working in various parishes and offices. The occasion provided us with a sense of what is generally happening in the different parishes and the Archdiocesan Church, as insights from the DMI survey and analyses revealed. Priests, both active and retired, also shared their experiences of what they have observed in the parishes and the archdiocese. The common mantra was that things have changed so much.

The clergy and laity of the archdiocese know that the Church we love, know, serve, and attend today is not the same one that formed us in yesteryears. We can find reasons for it; some may be internal, while others may be external.

Indeed, things have changed dramatically, and everything we hold dear in the Church has been affected—demographic shifts, declining vocations, membership, attendance, and participation in parishes—are no secret kept in the archives. But the reality that stands before us is that things will not suddenly turn around as we may hope. However, we can find ways to work through and survive, even thrive.

Indeed, the changing organizational landscape not only impacts the Catholic Church but also Christianity as a whole. Even secular organizations are facing their share of the cultural and social shifts. And yet, we know that all organizations seeking to continue their mission and remain relevant must adapt and innovate during challenging times to capitalize on the available opportunities.

Thus, from my humble point of view, the archbishop and all of us in the archdiocese are taking the proper steps to engage us in understanding our context and responding with a new effort in pastoral planning. As the archbishop has emphasized, the goal is not "about managing decline; it is about mobilizing mission. It's about building something sustainable, hopeful, and holy for the generations yet to come."

As has often happened, any process of innovation can be challenging and tedious. It requires discernment to arrive at something meaningful and sustainable. However, it also raises numerous questions, doubts, and uncertainties. Once again, as your pastor, I invite you to look to the future with hope and join the rowing team to cross the finish line together, where we can say together that we contributed to something sustainable in our parishes and the archdiocese.

**Blessings in this month of July to all of you.**

## News

Our July Table of Plenty is today. We greatly appreciate your participation.

Refreshments after Mass for July will be the 13th. Serving Committee is: Sharon Miller, Cherie Ruley and Julie Ahrendsen.

Remember to mark September 5-6 on your calendars for our next kolache bake.



Visit [www.dbqarch.org/rural-life](http://www.dbqarch.org/rural-life) for more information

### WEEKLY OFFERING

June 29, 2025 Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 295.00
Offertory	10.00
Candles	29.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 334.00</b>

### Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail [dbq155sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq155sec@dbqarch.org) to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM