

Daily Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

- May 3: Acts 6:1-7/ Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ 1 Peter 2:4-9/ John 14:1-12
May 4: Acts 14:5-18/ Psalms 115:1-4, 15-16/ John 14:21-26
May 5: Acts 14:19-28/ Psalms 145:10-13, 21/ John 14:27-31
May 6: Acts 15:1-6/ Psalms 122:1-5/ John 15:1-8
May 7: Acts 15:7-21/ Psalms 96:1-3, 10/ John 15:9-11
May 8: Acts 15:22-31/ Psalms 57:8-12/ John 15:12-17
May 9: Acts 16:1-10/ Psalms 100:1-3, 5/ John 15:18-21

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for May 3rd

Lector: Oliver

Greeters/Gifts: J Ahrendsen Family

Servers: Kevin

Money Counters: Mark/Jon

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Schedule for May 10th

Lector: Mark

Greeters/Gifts: Grady/Nathan/Eli

Servers: Evie/Kevin

Money Counters: Monte/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers

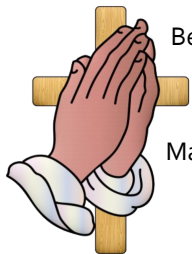
of the Eucharist : Rick/Ron

Today's Mass Intention Paul and Mary Lasack

Mass Intention May 10, 2026
Deceased Members of
Schewe and Koppes Families

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 Schwerts,
Gene Schwerts, 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 3, 2026

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5th Sunday of Easter

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Overview of Pastorate Leadership Structure—Part II

Last week, in Part I of *Overview of Pastorate Leadership Structure*, I presented the current parish leadership structure according to the guidelines of the Dubuque Archdiocese. This week, I will continue with the new pastorate leadership structure. Beginning in July 2026, each parish will keep its pastoral and finance councils, but their focus will be on parish-specific matters, while new pastorate-level and finance commissions will be formed by September 1, 2026, to guide collaboration, planning, shared finances, and the Pastorate Implementation Plan. Parish standing committees will also gradually transition into pastorate-level committees by July 1, 2027, so that ministries such as liturgy, faith formation, stewardship, and social justice can serve all parishioners more effectively across the pastorate.

Parish Pastoral Councils Each parish will continue to maintain a local parish pastoral council as a consultative body to the pastor. Its role will be to foster the mission, vision, and values of the archdiocese, support the Journey in Faith implementation planning, strengthen collaboration among parishes within the pastorate, and advise the pastor on parish-specific topics such as parish fundraisers, patron saint feast day activities, and identifying parish needs.

The parish pastoral council will also assist in the transition of current parish-level standing committees, such as liturgy, faith formation, stewardship, social justice, and parish life, toward integration into pastorate-level committees during 2026–27. New constitutions and norms will replace current ones, and parish pastoral councils will remain advisory, with only a consultative vote.

Current members may be considered for appointment by the newly assigned pastor for one-year terms through June 30, 2027. There will be no May 2026 parish elections, and current members will be asked to express interest by April 30, 2026. The pastor will seek membership that represents the parish and the wider pastorate while keeping the group effective. Meetings will generally be held quarterly or at the pastor’s discretion, preferably in coordination with pastorate pastoral commission meetings.

Pastorate Pastoral Commission Each pastorate will create a pastorate pastoral commission beginning in 2026–27 as a primary consultative group to the pastor. Its role will be to foster the mission, vision, and values of the archdiocese by advising and assisting the pastor in creating the Pastorate Implementation Plan during Fall 2026. This commission will also help lead and champion the ongoing strategic implementation of action steps.

The pastorate pastoral commission will oversee the transition of parish-level standing committees into pastorate-level standing committees during 2026–27. It will include representation from the various parishes within the pastorate, and the pastor will seek to have at least one representative from each parish. Members will be appointed for one-year terms through June 30, 2027, and the commission will meet monthly with the pastor to support effective communication and collaboration across the pastorate.

On May 10th, we will be celebrating our Mothers and three graduating Seniors, Elie Dies, Nathan Rickels and Grady Sauer. Please plan on attending Mass and afterwards enjoy a cookie reception for these young men and all the mothers.

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 to have many parishioners, family and friends in attendance to enjoy a Mass and have fun, food and fellowship. More to come!....

We congratulate Gus and Ellis Ahrendsen and Wyatt Inglis on their 1st Communion last Sunday. Thank you to their parents and teachers for helping guide them, and we pray for many blessings as they continue their faith journey.

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

The “Bible in a Year” group study will be on May 13th and May 27th at 6:15 in the church library.

Journey in Faith Fr. Andrew is currently working with Fr. Raymond Burkle to create the interim Mass schedule that will be used from July 15, 2026 - January 15, 2027. A draft of the interim Mass schedule will be shared with the Sacred Heart Oxford Junction pastoral council, Deacon Mark, and parish staff in order to gather feedback on the draft. Fr. Raymond, as incoming pastor, will consider all feedback received in the creation of the interim schedule. Interim Mass schedules will be announced at all Masses across the archdiocese the weekend May 30/31. Mass schedules will be published in all bulletins the weekend of June 6/7.

Our Call to Share - Thank you As Catholics, we’re all called to support not only our local parishes and ministries, but also the broader diocesan, national, and global ministries of the Catholic Church.

The bi-annual *Our Call to Share collections provide us with an easy opportunity live out Jesus’ call for us to be as one body through our support of these ministries* Thank you for your generous support of this spring’s four collections making up *Our Call to Share!*

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for April 26, 2026

Envelope	\$ 463.00
Offertory	60.00
Candles	8.00
TOTAL	\$ 531.00

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