

## Daily Readings for the Week of January 11, 2026

Jan. 11: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalms 29:1-4, 9-10/ Acts 10:34-38/  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Jan. 12: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/ Psalms 116:12-19/ Mark 1:14-20  
Jan. 13: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/ Mark 1:21-28  
Jan. 14: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/ Psalms 40:2, 5, 7-10/ Mark 1:29-39  
Jan. 15: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/ Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mark 1:40-45  
Jan. 16: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22/ Psalms 89:16-19/ Mark 2:1-12  
Jan. 17: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/ Psalms 21:2-7/ Mark 2:13-17

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for Jan. 11, 2026

Lector: Eli  
Greeters/Gifts: Nadine/Mary  
Servers: Kevin  
Money Counters: Mary AK/Mary AB  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Jon

### Schedule for Jan. 18, 2026

Lector: Oliver  
Greeters/Gifts: J Ahrendsen Family  
Servers: Grady/Kevin  
Money Counters: Mary/Sharon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Rick/Ron

### Today's Mass Intention

**Mark Lasack**

Mass Intention January 18th

Dolores 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,  
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen,  
Carrie Leeper, Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes,  
Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig, Marvin Ludwig,  
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# SACRED HEART

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January 11, 2026

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The Baptism of the Lord

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## Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season celebrates multiple revelations of Jesus as God, including the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrated last weekend and the Baptism of the Lord we celebrate this weekend. Traditionally, three incidents in Scripture reveal God's Son, Jesus Christ, to the world: the journey of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the changing of water into wine at Cana, Jesus' first public miracle.

The Western Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany as Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi. The Eastern Church marks Epiphany as the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ, where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as the Son of God.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community.

Our Catechism teaches us that Christian Baptism is the sacrament that cleanses us from original sin and actual sins. One may wonder why Jesus had to go to John to receive baptism since He was without sin. It is important to note that the baptism John performed was not yet Christian Baptism. It was a preparation for Christian Baptism, through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

At the baptism of Jesus, John acknowledged Him publicly as the one who was coming, saying, "One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At His baptism, heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and a voice from the Father was heard saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Baptism is very important in the life of every Christian as it is a public confession of our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. By our baptism, we associate ourselves with the death and resurrection of Christ. Going under the water is the burial of the old life, and coming out is a resurrection—God raising us from the dead as He did Christ. It is therefore a symbol of new life in Christ. It also shows our death to sin and our new life in Christ.

We should celebrate this day in honor of Him who has filled us with an overflowing love and an abundant source of all graces. He is the Word made flesh who lived among us and redeemed the whole human race through His everlasting love.

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Refreshments will be served after Mass today. The refreshments committee is Shari Crock and Stacey Moorman. Thank you ladies !

Fr. Andrew will be presiding at his mother, Paulina Sarbah's funeral on February 14, 2026. Although final details are not yet available on when he will leave for Ghana (later in January), roundtrip airfare this time of year into Kotoka International Airport in Accra is about \$1,500. Parishioners at all three churches have asked how to contribute monies towards Fr. Andrew's airfare. If you would like to donate, please write a check directly to Fr. Andrew and send it to St. Isidore, noting "Airfare" on the outside of the envelope. That will alert Cindy to forward the checks to Fr. Andrew. The address for St. Isidore is: St. Isidore Catholic Church. P.O. Box 318 Springville, IA 52336.

We have a tree in the back of the church and the hallway that we are decorating with children sized hats, mittens and socks to be donated to the Midland Elementary school in Oxford Junction. There is still time to help fill up the tree with your donations. The tree/trees will stay up for another week or so. Thank you in advance.

The books Deacon Mark spoke about in his Homily on December 28th are "Consecration to St. Joseph" and "33 Days of Morning Glory". Several parishioners mentioned they wanted these books. A sign up sheet has been placed in the hallway for anyone that would like to purchase these books. Prices can be found on the sign up sheet. We will combine our order with St. Isidore and John the Baptist to get the best price. We will place the order at the end of January. Deacon Mark will provide study guides for both books.

Margaret Fowler is in the hospital until January 20th. If anyone would like to send her a card to cheer her up, here is the address: Margaret Fowler Jackson County Regional Health Center 601 Hospital Dr. Maquoketa, IA 52060.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

<b>Collection for Jan. 4, 2026</b>	
<b>Envelope</b>	<b>\$ 455.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 984.00</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