

Daily Readings for the Week of January 18, 2026

Jan. 18: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/ Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10/ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3/
John 1:29-34

Jan. 19: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/ Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/ Mark 2:18-22

Jan. 20: Mark 2:18-22/ Psalms 89:20-22, 27-28/ Mark 2:23-28

Jan. 21: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10/ Mark 3:1-6

Jan. 22: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Psalms 56:2-3, 9-13/ Mark 3:7-12

Jan. 23: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/ Psalms 57:2-4, 6, 11/ Mark 3:13-19

Liturgical Ministries

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/Jon

Schedule for Jan. 25, 2026

Lector: Nathan
Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family
Servers: Evie/Kevin
Money Counters: Jon/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Margo/Jon

Today's Mass Intention

Delores Eganhouse

Mass Intention January 25th

Deceased Members of Koppes and Schewe 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, Bill Ihns,
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, 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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PASTOR SPEAKS

News

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Disciple and the Word of God

Today's readings accentuate the power of God's Word to change and transform hearts. Jesus called the early disciples, and their mission was to join Him in preaching and teaching the Word of God. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." The Word they received became the Word they proclaimed.

In its wisdom, the Church always reminds us of the special place of the Word of God in discipleship. The Church emphasizes the Word of God and calls us to reflect on it, to make time to know it, and to make it the guiding principle of our lives. The Word is meant to be our guide, our life, and our mission.

The profound truth about the Bible is that it reveals the mind of God to us. The Gospels do not only speak about Jesus; Jesus Himself is the incarnate Word of God. To hold the Bible in your hands, to touch its pages, feel its tangible presence, and even notice its fragrance is an incredible experience that draws us closer to God.

The thought of the Bible should stir in us an insatiable desire to carry it to church. Such effort must not be frowned upon or approached reluctantly. Who knows when a phrase, a word, or a verse may suddenly come to mind, urging you to check it and hear what God wants to speak to you? If time or ability is a challenge, electronic media can also help us fulfill our desire to know and experience the Word of God.

The Word of God shapes how we understand life, dignity, and responsibility. It calls us to guard life, serve life, and witness to the God who gives life. From conception to natural death, life is sacred, and so is the life of the Church; the Word of God calls us to protect and preserve human life as well as the Church.

This call to place the Word of God at the center of our lives aligns directly with the Journey in Faith process of the Archdiocese of Dubuque as we enter the phase two when soon the new pastorate will be announced

As the archdiocese invites parishes, pastorates, and families to pray, reflect, and walk together, the Word of God becomes our common language and shared compass. It shapes how we listen to one another, how we make decisions, and how we remain united in Christ even amid change. The Journey in Faith is not about moving away from the Gospel, but about allowing the Gospel to lead us forward.

As we walk this Journey in Faith together, let us allow the Word of God to guide our steps, correct our missteps, and renew our hope. When we fall short as individuals, families, or as a Church, we must not justify our mistakes but return to the Word that calls us again—not to despair, but to begin anew: "Come after me."

Fr. Andrew will be presiding at his mother, Paulina Sarbah's funeral on February 14, 2026. Father will be leaving next Sunday, January 25th, after Mass. 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. The Parish Council has decided to donate \$500. If you would like to donate, please write a check directly to Fr. Andrew and send it to St. Isidore, noting "Airfaire" 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.

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.

Important Notice: Sacred Heart Oxford Junction will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on Sunday, February 22nd.

Reminder: Mass Intentions are now \$10.00 and 6 day candles are \$4.00

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for Jan. 11, 2026

Envelope	\$ 665.00
Offertory	64.00
Candles	3.00
Christmas	50.00
Immac. Conc.	5.00
Total	\$ 814.00
Bldg. Fund	5.00

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