

Daily Readings for the Week of February 8, 2026

Feb. 8: Isaiah 58:7-10/ Psalms 112:4-9/ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/ Matthew 5:13-16
Feb. 9: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/ Psalms 132:6-10/ Mark 6:53-56
Feb. 10: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/ Psalms 84:3-5, 10-11/ Mark 7:1-13
Feb. 11: 1 Kings 10:1-10/ Psalms 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mark 7:14-23
Feb. 12: 1 Kings 11:4-13/ Psalms 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/ Mark 7:24-30
Feb. 13: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19/ Psalms 81:10-15/ Mark 7:31-37
Feb. 14: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Psalms 106:6-7, 19-22/ Mark 8:1-10

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Feb. 8, 2026

Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Sharon/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Margo/Jon

Schedule for Feb. 15, 2026

Lector: Mark
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Mark/Mary Ann K
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention

Leonard Lasack

Mass Intention Feb. 15, 2026

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.

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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Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

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Mark Denniston



Growing Closer to Jesus this Lent

The season of Lent is fast approaching. What are you going to do this Lent to grow closer to our Lord? Where do you find Jesus in your life? Hopefully, prayer was the first thing that came to your mind. But where else? We experience the Lord at Mass during the celebration of the Eucharist when He, through the Holy Spirit's transforming the Bread and Wine into His Body and Blood, becomes present on the Alter. We Catholics have that privilege of being present to Him and Him to us at every Mass. So, tell Jesus in prayer what you ask of Him, His forgiveness, your concerns, your needs, and your desire for His guidance in your life. When you present yourself to receive Him, Adore Him with a slight bow and say a strong "Amen." Then welcome Him into your body and carry Him home with you.

Adoration is one place where you can sit in the presence of our Lord and speak to Him heart to heart. If it has been a while since you have spent time in Adoration, try it again. For me, Adoration has become a time to quiet myself in the presence of our Lord. I speak to Jesus like I do with a close friend and share with Him my concerns, my desires, and even my needs. I ask Him to come closer to me. He is waiting for us to be with Him. He is in the Monstrance looking at us. Can you see His face? Spending time with Jesus in Adoration will help you to grow closer to Him. Schedule time for Adoration. At St. John's we have it every Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Another place we truly experience Jesus is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Lent I challenge you to go more than once. Bare your soul and have Him forgive you for all your sins. Christ desires us to live Holy Lives. Confession celebrated frequently will help you to overcome sin in your life. Sin breaks our relationship with Jesus as we turn our backs to Him. Reconciliation restores that relationship, but it also gives us Graces to avoid sin. As a convert to Catholicism, it took me a while to feel at ease with confessing my sins. It became much easier when I finally realized Jesus is there with me. The priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is acting in the person of Jesus Christ (*in Persona Christi*). When the priest absolves the penitent by saying, "I absolve you from your sins," he is acting in the person of Christ at that moment. Go to Confession often. I go once a month, sometimes more, and I leave feeling free of my own failures.

Plan now what you will do this Lent to grow closer to Jesus! I am praying for this for you. Deacon Mark

Fr. Andrew is currently in Ghana to preside over his mother's funeral and spend time with family. He will be returning on February 26th. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers during this time. Prayers for safe travel as well.

The 1st Book Study is "The Consecration of Joseph" and will be this Wednesday at 6:15pm in the church library.

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

The Spring Kolache bake day will be March 20th and 21st, 2026.

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

National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day!

The annual observances of National Marriage Week from February 7-14 and World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 8 provide a special time to reflect on the beautiful gift of the sacrament of matrimony. This year's theme from the USCCB is ***Man and Woman, He Created Them: Together with Purpose***, inviting couples to recognize their unique gifts and how they might use them to build one another up in joy and complementarity. For recommended marriage resources from the archdiocese, visit: www.dbqarch.org/marriage-resources.

WEEKLY OFFERING

| Collection for Feb. 1, 2026 | |
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| Envelope | \$ 360.00 |
| Offertory | 102.00 |
| Candles | 16.00 |
| Memorial | 100.00 |
| Total | \$ 578.00 |

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.