

Daily Readings for the Week of August 17th

Aug 17: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/ Psalms 40:2-4, 18/ Hebrews 12:1-4/
Luke 12:49-53
Aug 18: Judges 2:11-19/ Psalms 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44/ Matthew 19:16-22
Aug 19: Judges 6:11-24/ Psalms 85:9, 11-14/ Matthew 19:23-30
Aug 20: Judges 9:6-15/ Psalms 21:2-7/ Matthew 20:1-16
Aug 21: Judges 11:29-39/ Psalms 40:5, 7-10/ Matthew 22:1-14
Aug 22: Isaiah 9:1-6/ Psalms 113:1-8/ Luke 1:26-38
Aug 23: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/ Psalms 128:1-5/ Matthew 23:1-12

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Aug. 17, 2025

Lector: Mark
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Mark/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doria

Schedule for Aug. 24, 2025

Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family
Servers: Grady/Declan
Money Counters: Sharon/Jon
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron

Today's Mass Intention
Deceased Members of
David Schewe Family

Mass Intention Aug 24, 2025
John and Bettie Swan

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, Margaret Fowler,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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August 17, 2025

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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Office Hours:

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

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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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PASTOR SPEAKS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Going to Visit Family

Dear parishioners,

I am taking a break from my daily ministry in our three sister parishes to travel home to Ghana to see my mom and family. This break starts after Sunday Masses this weekend. While I count on and thank you for the prayers you will keep offering for me, I hope to be back without any delays. These days travel has become a little unpredictable and hard to plan and execute accordingly. People are going through more bumpy travel experiences than before.

Priest supply:

As far as I know, I hope to be back in the third week of September, and hopefully there will be no delays. While I am gone, a few priests may be celebrating Masses with and for you. Fr. Danny Juhl will not be one of them as he had done in the past. He is going to have hip replacement surgery later in the month. So, please pray for him and send him get-well-soon cards. He loves our parishes, and he regrets not being able to assist this time.

The archdiocese has arranged for Fr. Paulraj Sellam, a priest from India assisting here at the archdiocese, to come to celebrate the weekend Masses on August 23/24 and 30/31. Then a priest from Food for the Poor, a Catholic organization, will be here for the weekend of September 6/7 to celebrate and ask for your support for the organization. On the weekend of September 13/14, another priest from Cross Catholic outreach will be here for a similar purpose. Fr. Paul will come back for the Weekend of September 20/21. As I mentioned, I hope to be back to resuming my ministry the following weekend.

Unfortunately, making plans for weekday Mass coverage proved difficult. So far, it is only on Fridays, starting August 22 that Fr. Polycarp Hagan, also from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, who recently moved to Dubuque Archdiocese from New York City, can come to say Mass at St. John's.

That's it for now. I will be back hopefully. Happy Summer! And let us raise everyone up in prayers.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah
Pastor Speaks

News

Remember to mark September 5-6 on your calendars for our next kolache bake. We still have some fliers available to hang up around Oxford Junction, Wyoming, Olin, etc.... Sign up sheets have been put up in the hallway, please sign up for a job on Friday or Saturday or Both. Please volunteer to purchase some supplies for the kolache bake or donate cash for flour and fillings. PLEASE NOTE: ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY AUGUST 27th

In the hallway are sign up sheets for bible study on Wednesday evenings as well as a sign up sheet for a possible bible study for youth from confirmed to graduation. Get involved and join us for bible study. Sign up!

St. Isidore Church in Springville will have their annual Festival on August 24th. See bulletin in the hallway for more information. Sounds like a fun day.

There are several frozen ice-cream buckets of corn in the freezer. We are selling it to parishioners for \$5.00 per bucket. Please see Mary Ann Mostaert if you would like to buy some of this corn.

Prayer cards have been placed in pews. Please take one, we will be using this prayer from time to time during our Mass. If you would like, go ahead and take one home to use for your personal prayer time.

On June 25th, a letter was read to the parishioners regarding a project call "Journey in Faith", spearheaded by Archbishop Tom Zinkula. "Journey in Faith" is the Archdiocese of Dubuque's pastoral planning initiative designed to renew discipleship, strengthen our Catholic communities, and align parish structures to better fulfill the mission of the Church. This process calls us to trust in the Holy Spirit, transform our local Church, and together move from maintenance to mission. In the next few weeks inserts will be added to the bulletin with more details regarding "Journey in Faith". E-mails will also be sent out. It is important that everyone read these inserts to give everyone a better understanding of our role in this "Journey of Faith".

WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug. 10, 2025 Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 190.00
Offertory	65.00
Candles	8.00
Table of Plenty	146.00
Total	\$ 409.00

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