

**Daily Readings for the  
Week of May 11, 2025**

May 11: Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5/ Revelation 7:9, 14-17/  
John 10:27-30  
May 12: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4/ John 10:1-10  
May 13: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalms 87:1-7/ John 10:22-30  
May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Psalms 113:1-8/ John 15:9-17  
May 15: Acts 13:13-25/ Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/ John 13:16-20  
May 16: Acts 13:26-33/ Psalms 2:6-11/ John 14:1-6  
May 17: Acts 13:44-52/ Psalms 98:1-4/ John 14:7-14

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Schedule for May 11, 2025**

**Schedule for May 18, 2025**

Lector: Nathan  
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family  
Servers: Kevin/Grady  
Money Counters: Mary A K/Mary A M  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Kris/Rick

Lector: Mark  
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family  
Servers: Gabi/Evie  
Money Counters: Mary/Sharon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Doris/Mark

**Today's Mass Intention  
Deceased Members of the  
Ray Koppes Family**

Mass Intention May 18  
Josephine Behn

**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, John Swan,  
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler,  
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,  
Paul Rowan, Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

**SACRED HEART**



May 11, 2025

**Sacred Heart Office Hours**

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

**St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)**

**Office Hours:**

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

Phone: 319-895-6246

**St. Isidore (Springville) Office Hours:**

Wed. & Thurs.: 10:00am-3:00pm

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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4th Sunday of Easter

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Donna Schewe

Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church draws our attention to the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis of blessed memory, in his 2024 message for this occasion, intimated that to hear the divine call “is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfillment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruits, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.”

One profound area of vocation that affects all of us dearly is the vocation chosen for mothers. Motherhood is a unique gift from the Lord to all who have received their lives from their mothers. Through the gift of motherhood, the vocation of the man and woman in marriage is sanctified and elevated into a state of co-creation with God, where the woman’s womb becomes the new Garden of Eden for every child that is conceived and nurtured in the womb.

In this way, motherhood models the creator’s work of declaring, “Let there be a child.” Therefore, as children of God, we understand that we can depend on Him because God’s love for us is the only love we have that will surpass a mother’s love. For the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! (Isaiah 49:15).

We appreciate all our mothers, living and deceased, on this day. We thank them for the wonderful contributions they make in building our church, family, and world. Among other things, they have always brought the scriptures to our lives and encouraged us through the changing scenes of life. Let us pray for blessings on all mothers for the gift of fortitude as they carry out their responsibilities.

Similarly, we also remember the gift of the vocation to the priesthood and the religious life, and, here too, respond to the call to pray for the individuals who also enable the spiritual motherhood of the church through baptism to continue and be sustained. The Church can only exist if she has priests to continually offer the sacrifice of the Mass. Our Church also needs brothers and sisters to offer themselves in the service of the gospel through lives of dedicated love. Let us also support and strengthen one another in our various vocations.

## News

Please join us today as we celebrate mothers and our three graduates: Tyler Driver, son of Joe Driver, Olivia Paulsen, daughter of Greg & Deb Paulsen, and Jayson Ruley, son of Cheri & Dean Ruley. We hope you're able to stay after Mass to congratulate our graduates and enjoy refreshments and fellowship with them, their families and other members of our parish family. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES.

In the coming few weeks, we will take up the *Our Call to Share – Spring collection*. This is a 4-in-1 collection that supports four important regional and national ministries. By giving to ministries beyond our local parish, we respond to Christ’s call to be as one body – united in faith and mission - through our support of the broader Catholic Church.

This spring’s collection will benefit the following four ministries:

**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** – A collection for the national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops, focused on empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.

**The Retirement Fund for Religious** – A collection to support congregations of religious sisters, brothers, and priests from across the United States who do not have adequate funding to support their members’ retirement and healthcare costs.

**The Hispanic Ministry Collection** – A diocesan collection to specifically support Hispanic ministry at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

**The Catholic Communications Campaign** – A collection to assist the Church spread the Gospel message through media and communication efforts at the local, regional, and national levels.

We pray that you will consider supporting these worthy ministries generously. Thank you in advance for your support of the mission of the Church.

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 22 with a 10:30 am outdoor Mass and a picnic to follow. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is our namesake and the actual date of the Feast this year is June 27th. We are hoping that all our parishioners and their families, past and present, will be able to attend. We are planning to provide loose-meat sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks and table service, and will be asking everyone to bring a dish to share and a blanket or lawn chair.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### May 4, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 590.00
Offertory	107.00
Candles	8.00
Easter	50.00
Ladies Guild(Bingo)	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 905.00</b>
Bldg	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](mailto:dbq155sec@dbqarch.org).