

## Daily Readings for the Week of Sept. 7th

Sept. 7: Wisdom 9:13-18/ Psalms 90:3-6, 12-13, 14-17/ Philemon 9-10, 12-17/  
Luke 14:25-33  
Sept. 8: Micah 5:1-4/ Psalms 13:6/ Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23  
Sept. 9: Colossians 2:6-15/ Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11/ Luke 6:12-19  
Sept.10: Colossians 3:1-11/ Psalms 145:2-3, 10-13/ Luke 6:20-26  
Sept.11: Colossians 3:12-17/ Psalms 150:1-6/ Luke 6:27-38  
Sept.12: Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 1:46-55/ Luke 1:39-57  
Sept.13: 1 Timothy 1:15-17/ Psalms 113:1-7/ Luke 6:43-49

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for Sept. 7, 2025

Lector: Margo  
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family  
Servers: Kevin/Declan  
Money Counters: Monte/Jon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Jon/Rick

### Today's Mass Intention

Joe Morgan

Grandparents

Ed & Eleanor Bicknese,  
Gib & Beulah Feuss,  
Fred & Marge Burga  
and Alfred & Flo Leeper

Mass Intention Sept. 14, 2025

Larry Lasack

### Schedule for Sept.14, 2025

Lector: Shari  
Greeters/Gifts: Mary A K/Mary A M  
Servers: Kevin/Evie  
Money Counters: Mary A K/Mary A M  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Ron

**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,  
Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

# SACRED HEART

**"BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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September 7, 2025

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Cross is Not Negotiable

“Holiness isn’t for wimps,” Mother Angelica famously said. “And the cross isn’t negotiable, sweetheart — it’s a requirement.”

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today’s readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn’t negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses’ staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn’t do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn’t right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We’re wimps; that’s what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

“Table of Plenty” will be on September 14th before and after Mass. Please participate. It has been such a big success for our parish.

Refreshments will be served following mass on September 14, 2025. The refreshments will be provided and served by Lola L, Kellie L, and Celeste W. Thank you ladies!

The wonderful women of our church spent two days making kolaches for our 2nd Kolache Bake of 2025 this weekend. These kolache bakes and the cinnamon roll bake last year provided about \$10,000 towards our budget last year.

Our first Bible study will be September 10th at 6:15. If this date and time changes, you will be notified. We always have room for more participants.

On June 25th, a letter was read to the parishioners regarding a project call “Journey in Faith”, spearheaded by Archbishop Tom Zinkula. Today is the 3rd insert in the bulletin regarding this process. It is important the you read these inserts and follow the instructions on them.

Fr. Denny Juhl has had hip surgery recently and would love to hear from you. He has been such a blessing to our church when Fr. Andrew is unavailable. If you would like to send him a card. Please bring it to the church by the 14th, and Wendy Swan will delivery them to him. Thanks.

The sidewalks are done, and look amazing. Thanks guys!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug. 24, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 335.00
Offertory	47.00
Candles	28.00
Assumption	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 415.00</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