

**Daily Readings for the
Week of May 25, 2025**

May 25: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23/ John 14:23-29
May 26: Acts 16:11-15/ Psalms 149:1-6, 9/ John 15:26--16:4
May 27: Acts 16:22-34/ Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8/ John 16:5-11
May 28: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/ Psalms 148:1-2, 11-14/ John 16:12-15
May 29: Acts 18:1-8/ Psalms 98:1-4/ John 16:16-20
May 30: Acts 18:9-18/ Psalms 47:2-7/ John 16:20-23
May 31: Zephaniah 3:14-18/ Isaiah 12:2-6/ Luke 1:39-56

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for May 25, 2025

Lector: Eli
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Declan/Kevin
Money Counters: Kris/Margo
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Ron

Schedule for June 1, 2025

Lector: Shari
Greeters/Gifts: Mary A M/Mary A K
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Mary/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Rick/Jon

**Today's Mass Intention
Deceased Members of the
Otto and Janice Lasack**

Mass Intention June 1st
Leonard Lasack

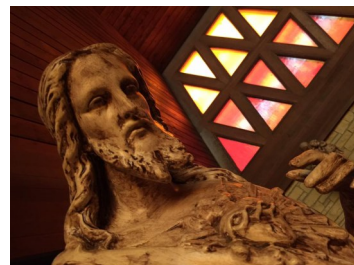
Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know
someone who is, and would like Fr.
Andrew to visit and pray, contact the
main office at 319-320-5003 or email
Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

**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 25, 2025

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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

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PRAYER & SERVICE"**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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6th Sunday of Easter

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Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

The Symbolism of the Paschal Candle

"In him was life, and life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:4-5).

The Paschal Candle, also known as the Easter Candle, carries profound symbolism in Christian Traditions, especially during Easter. The Paschal Candle is a special candle which has been used in the Christian church for hundreds and hundreds of years. The Paschal Candle is lit as the Church comes into Easter morning and then continues to be lit throughout the Easter season during liturgical celebrations. Its flames and glow should not miss our notice; its inspiration should draw you to look at it whenever it is lit.

Baptism and Funeral Liturgies:

The Paschal Candle is used also at baptisms and funerals that occur throughout the year, tying those occasions back to their Easter connections in the resurrection of Christ. At Baptisms, it represents the *new* life and *spiritua* rebirth received through this Sacrament. During Funeral liturgies, it represents Christ's victory over death. It reminds the grieving community of the promise of eternal life, giving hope that the deceased is going to share in the life of Christ.

Light in Darkness:

The Paschal Candle symbolizes Christ as the light of the world, shining in darkness. It reminds us that even in the darkest moments, there is hope and light. The Easter candle represents Jesus as the "light of the world," imitating the Jewish custom of the ceremonial lighting of Sabbath lamps on Friday evenings. The Paschal Candle also has connections with the lamps the early Christians lighted and displayed on Saturday evenings to honor Jesus as the "light of the world".

Renewal and Rebirth:

The Candle is lit during the Easter vigil, signifying the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of life. It teaches about the possibility of new beginnings and spiritual transformations that should accompany the Christian life during Easter, and which continues with the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to be received and rekindled at Pentecost.

Sacrificial Love:

The candle's flames consume the wax, signifying Christ's sacrificial love for humanity. It inspires us to embrace selflessness and compassion in our lives.

Guidance and Direction:

In the liturgical setting, the Paschal Candle often guides the faithful, symbolizing Christ as our guide and source of direction in life's journey.

Unity and Communion:

As the flame of the Paschal Candle is shared among the congregation's candles during the vigil. It signifies the unity and communion among believers emphasizing the importance of community and fellowship. Beloved, the Paschal Candle should be our source of inspiration and guidance in our spiritual and personal growth journeys teaching us that: light will always overpower the darkness, renewal and rebirth is possible, love is shown through sacrifice, guidance and direction won't be lacking with Christ, and that Christians should live as one,

There will be a Ladies of the Sacred Heart Meeting following Mass today.

Our "Table of Plenty" will be on June 1st. We have had some wonderful donations and really appreciate the parishioners who donate and the parishioners who purchase these wonderful items. Your participation really helps our church.

Heads up! Our next Kolache bake will be September 5th and 6th.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the ministries highlighted in our *Our Call to Share - Spring Collection* these last few weeks. Your willingness to consider a gift to these ministries means so much—not only to us, but to the many individuals and families your generosity will directly impact.

Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in supporting the mission of the Church and uplifting those in need throughout our Archdiocese. Your openness to giving to these causes is a beautiful reflection of your faith and compassion. We are deeply grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift, and hope you feel the joy that comes from sharing Christ's love with others. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and kindness during this Easter season.

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 18, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 510.00
Offertory	31.00
Candles	18.00
Total	\$ 559.00

Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM