

## Daily Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

May 24: Acts 2:1-11/ Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13/ John 20:19-23  
May 25: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Psalms 87:1-3, 5-7/ John 19:25-34  
May 26: 1 Peter 1:10-16/ Psalms 98:1-4/ Mark 10:28-31  
May 27: 1 Peter 1:18-25/ Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20/ Mark 10:32-45  
May 28: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12/ Psalms 100:2-5/ Mark 10:46-52  
May 29: 1 Peter 4:7-13/ Psalms 96:10-13/ Mark 11:11-26  
May 30: Jude 17, 20-25/ Psalms 63:2-6/ Mark 11:27-33

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for May 24th

Lector: Margo  
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family  
Servers: Kevin/Evie  
Money Counters: Margo/Kris  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron

### Schedule for May 31st

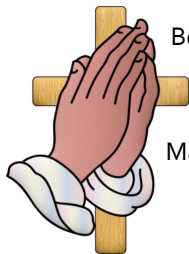
Lector: Eli  
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family  
Servers: Grady/Evie  
Money Counters: Jon/Sharon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Jon/Sharon

### Today's Mass Intention Otto and Janice Lasack

Mass Intention May 31, 2026  
Dolores Eganhouse

**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](mailto:DBQ137@dbqarch.org).

## PRAYER CORNER



Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Heather Scheiman, Bill Ihns,  
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Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig,  
Marvin Ludwig, Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

# SACRED HEART

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

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## May 24, 2026

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## Pentecost Sunday

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

**Pentecost Sunday: You Can Receive God’s Gift of the Holy Spirit**

The Feast of Pentecost is the celebration of the Church’s birthday; it is the bursting forth of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers. In the first reading of Acts, all the disciples were gathered in one place when suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a strong driving wind. Tongues as of fire rested upon them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit did not come only for a few people; He came for all. The miracle of many languages being understood reminds us that the Holy Spirit gathers, unites, and sends. The Church was born in that moment as a missionary and evangelizing community.

The second reading from St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts, forms of service, and workings, but all come from the same Spirit. “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” The Spirit does not make everyone the same; rather, He gives different gifts for the good of the whole body. We are many parts but one body in Christ. Whether older or younger, cradle Catholic or newly converted, all of us have received something from the Holy Spirit to build up the Church and serve the world.

The Gospel takes us back to the evening of the resurrection when the disciples were hiding behind locked doors out of fear. Jesus entered their midst and spoke peace to them. Then He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The same disciples who were afraid later became bold witnesses at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit transformed fear into courage, silence into preaching, and weakness into mission. The Spirit still desires to do the same work in us today.

As Christians, there are many moments when we need guidance. We must decide where to go, what work to do, what schools to attend, what responsibilities to take, and how to serve family and friends. In these situations, we need the gentle prompting of the Holy Spirit. We have the Holy Spirit, but unless we follow His guidance and leading, we will not experience His full presence and support in our lives. The Spirit still speaks, encourages, strengthens, and directs.

How do I know the Holy Spirit is guiding me? What the Spirit asks you to do never ends in fear. What the Spirit asks you to do never keeps you in constant apprehension. What the Spirit asks you to do, you will feel in your soul is right (Romans 8:14–16). There must be room for the Holy Spirit in our hearts, minds, families, and Church. As Easter ends and Pentecost arrives, let us open every room of our lives and pray: **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.**

**Happy Pentecost!**

**Please Save the Date:** Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate our namesake, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, with an outdoor Mass followed by a potluck picnic. We hope you are able to attend. Please let family and friends of Sacred Heart know about this most important day for our church. It will be a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship. Loose meat sandwiches, beverage and table service will be supplied. We ask you to bring a dish to share, chair or blanket and your wonderful stories of your days at Sacred Heart.

There will be a meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart on May 31, following mass. We will be discussing the Outdoor Mass, picnic/potluck.

Bible study will take place on May 27th at 6:15 in the church library.

**Journey in Faith: Tithing** You will find forms in the hallway to fill out if you are interested in automatic withdrawal for tithing. Fill out the form and give to Wendy Swan.

**Journey in Faith: Liturgical Ministry after July 14** As part of the preparation for pastorate life in July 2026, our parish staff has been meeting weekly to participate in a "prep series" presented by the archdiocese. Each week the prep series focuses on a specific topic. A recent topic was Planning for July Masses. Our parish, along with those in our new pastorate, will begin collectively planning to celebrate Liturgy together in the named weekend Mass locations. We will be planning for liturgical ministers, music, hospitality, and more. Part of that planning will be inviting all liturgical ministers from all parishes to continue their ministry. In the month of

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for May 10, 2026

Envelope	\$ 293.00
Offertory	91.00
<u>Candles</u>	<u>20.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 404.00</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

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM