

## Daily Readings

### Week of January 8, 2023

Sunday, 1/8: Is 60: 1-6/Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13/

Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12

Monday, 1/9: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Ps 29: 1-4, 3, 9-10/

Acts 10: 34-38/Mt 3: 13-17

Tuesday, 1/10: Heb 2: 5-12/Ps 8: 2, 5-9/Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday, 1/11: Heb 2: 14-18/Ps 105: 1-4, 6-9/Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday, 1/12: Heb 3: 7-14/Ps 95: 6-11/Mk 1: 40-45

Friday, 1/13: Heb 4: 1-5, 11/Ps 78: 3, 4, 6-8/Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday, 1/14: Heb 4: 12-16/Ps 19: 8-10, 15/Mk 2: 13-17



# SACRED HEART

**“BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
OF SACRED HEART: LOVE,  
PRAYER & SERVICE”**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

### Sacred Heart Office Hours:

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

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Ron Nowachek

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## Schedule for January 15, 2023

Lector: Shari

Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family

Servers: Kevin/Declan

Money Counters: Mary Ann K/Kris

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 3 Volunteers

**Liturgical  
Ministers**

## Today's Mass Intention:

**Otto & Janice 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, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



## PASTOR SPEAKS

### PARISH MISSION-February 26&27

Dear Parishioners,

The holy Christmas Season concludes this weekend with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Then Lent will follow pretty soon, starting Ash Wednesday on February 22.

We want to kick off our Lenten Season with a spectacular parish mission this year; it is a two-day presentation by a renowned and exciting speaker, Tim Francis.

Please save the date and start sharing the news with your friends and families. Lent will be here before we know it; start spreading the word today.

The mission is for our sister parishes of St. John, St. Isidore, and Sacred Heart. As usual, events of this magnitude can't be organized separately in each parish, even if we have the financial resources. It takes many people to make it happen, participate in it, and create excitement for it. The venue is St. John's.

Therefore, share the news with your families and friends in Mount Vernon, Lisbon, Springville, Oxford Junction, Cedar Rapids, and the surrounding areas. Invite the "nones," the unchurched, and those who have questions about the church and the Eucharist.

Our speaker, Tim Francis, is from Texas. He knows how to speak about himself more than I can attempt to do. In his own words, he has undergone a metamorphosis "from an altar boy to party boy; from the non-denominational mega-church back to the Roman Catholic Church."

In my experience, there are always invaluable lessons to glean from listening to "seekers" of the truth like Tim Francis, who leave the church to wander around and come back firmly grounded because they discover that everything else pales in comparison to what the Catholic Church makes available to us. I look forward to listening to his story.

I also look forward to the hearing about the messages concerning *SIGNS from GOD*. What are these signs? Are they the signs God proffered for his coming back to the church or signs available to all of us? I urge you to plan to attend these presentations, which our parishes are excited to bring to accelerate our Lenten preparations.

- Several of our Eucharistic Ministers will be gone for the next few months. If you are at Mass, please volunteer your time as we always need 3 people. THANK YOU for your help in this matter.



### A Fun Activity for the Whole Family

The Epiphany marks the tradition of the "chalking of the doors". The formula for the tradition is simple: 20 + C + M + B + 23.

The letters have a couple of meanings. One being the initials of the Magi who came to visit Jesus in His first home in Bethlehem. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house". The "+" signs represent the cross with the 20 and 23 at the beginning and end signify the year. All of this together requests Christ to bless the home marked with the inscription and that He stay with those who stay in the house for the whole year.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us

Below is an example of a prayer you can say while you bless and chalk your home.

*May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.*

*God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

*Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.*



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