

Daily Readings

Week of February 27, 2022

Sunday, 2/27: Sir 27: 4-7/Ps 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16/

1 Cor 15: 54-58 /Lk 6: 39-45

Monday, 2/28: 1 Pt 1: 3-9/Ps 111: 1-2, 5-6, 9 & 10c/

Mk 10: 17-27

Tuesday, 3/1: 1 Pt 1: 10-16/Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10: 28-31

Wednesday, 3/2: Jl 2: 12-18/Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17/2 Cor 5: 20; 6: 2/ Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday, 3/3: Dt 30: 15-20/Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6/Lk 9: 22-25

Friday, 3/4: Is 58: 1-9a/Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9: 14-15

Saturday, 3/5: Is 58: 9b-14/Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5: 27-32



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RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”

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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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February 27, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Schedule for March 6, 2022

Lector: CCD

Greeters/Gifts: CCD

Servers: CCD/Kevin

Money Counters: Jon/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers



Today's Mass Intention:

Paul & Mary 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, Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



To Our Parishioners & Friends

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—and *The Start of Lent*

During this 8th week in Ordinary Time, we will move to the season of holy Lent. The readings of the 8th Sunday are embedded with excellent, practical exhortations to assist our readiness for Lent.

Change leaders and motivation researchers believe that a person's potential to attain a desired future or goal lies in the ability to see that future and work towards it. Along these lines, the Book of Sirach points out our unique role in caring for and shaping our lives. It reminds us that it is only by conscious effort that we can make our life, both spiritual and physical be pleasing to God and others.

St. Paul takes the same transformative perspective and highlight's the future immortality and incorruptibility of Christians as a reason to fight for victory over sin and death. According to Paul, if we are to overcome evil, we need to stay grounded in Jesus Christ and practice his teachings.

The gospel story is about a personal blind spot. The danger of blind spot is that it creates a comfort zone for us, instead of a discomfort one. Blind spots express themselves in judging and condemning others when their actions and words fall below our ballpark estimation of them; also, it stops us from leaning towards life change.

The lesson from the gospel is one of personal care. We should not ignore the opportunities we have to seek the transformation of our lives. Making changes in the weak spots of our lives take time and effort, but it must be something we don't give up on or cease to advance in it.

Transitioning to Ash Wednesday:

As Lent commences this Wednesday, the church draws upon the words of scriptures to remind us to deepen our faith and relationship with God, with ourselves, and with others. What an excellent time to return to the Lord and renew our spirit (Parish theme for the year).

The renewal of our lives during these 40 days should be of interest and concern to us as Christians. One of the unique benefits of Lent is that the length of time it covers is enough to support any break with bad habits and inclinations or the cultivation of desired ones. Spending more time praying and reflecting, attending Mass, listening to the Lord in the Eucharist Adoration, reading the bible, and other spiritual writings can help us discover the personal cracks or bad habits and work to seal them or find a new passion or sweat spot to focus our attention.

Ash Wednesday readings will challenge us to gravitate to the Lord through repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is the time to bring the hopes you entertain, the struggles you have against temptation, the sweat joys you experience when you taste the Eucharist, and the comfort you have in the fellowship of your family and friends to the Lord and the parish church community.

- We will have "Ash Friday" service Friday, March 4th with Stations of the Cross starting at 6:00pm with the service to follow.
- It is CRITICAL for the FUTURE of our Sacred Heart Parish to fill out the survey that we have talked about for a couple of weeks. Please fill out with the hard copy you received in the mail or fill out, on the Archdiocesan website (below) or the QR code below.
- The next CCD class is Sunday, March 6th at 9:45am, followed by our "Children's Mass".
- After Mass next Sunday, March 6th there will be food and fellowship.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months--please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.



Last Chance for the Archdiocesan Synod Survey

Here's your last opportunity to complete the important survey to provide input on the criteria needed to measure parish vitality and viability. This can be done by completing the synod survey you received earlier this month. You can access the survey in English, Spanish or French at www.dbqarch.org/survey or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up. If you prefer, the completed survey can be sent to: Survey Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003). Completed surveys are due no later than Tuesday, March 1, 2022.



Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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