

## Daily Readings

Week of March 26, 2023

Sunday, 3/26: Ez 37: 12-14/Ps 130: 1-8/Rom 8: 8-11/  
Jn 11: 1-45

Monday, 3/27: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23: 1-6/  
Jn 8: 1-11

Tuesday, 3/28: Nm 21: 4-9/Ps 102: 2-3, 16-21/Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday, 3/29: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52-56/Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday, 3/30: Gn 17: 3-9/Ps 105: 4-9/Jn 8: 51-59

Friday, 3/31: Jer 20: 10-13/Ps 18: 2-7/Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday, 4/1: Ez 37: 21-28/Jer 31: 10-13/Jn 11: 45-56



# SACRED HEART

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

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**March 26, 2023**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**Liturgical  
Ministers**

### Schedule for April 2, 2023

Lector: Mark/Patty

Greeters/Gifts: CCD

Servers: Kevin/Declan/Grady

Money Counters: Mark/Patty

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

### Today's Mass Intention:

**David, Dennis, Chuck & Lawrence  
Koppes**

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



### Sacred Heart Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

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#### Office Hours:

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

Phone: 319-895-6246

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

Phone: 319-854-6141

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Ron Nowachek

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

5th Sunday of Lent: *“Take away the stone.”*

Jesus continues with his life changing encounters with people. In the two previous Sundays, the encounters were with unsuspecting, downtrodden individuals who would not be on the radar of most people in the community: the Samaritan woman and the blind beggar. And yet both ended up with transformed and elevated lives of honor and respect because Jesus reached out to them.

This weekend's gospel and the other two readings all speak about new life, about resurrection. The can almost be considered a fulfilment or a proof of the promise contained in the first reading: “Behold I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves” (Ez 37:12). So, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

This remarkable story is a teachable reminder to us that God promises life because he possesses life and he has the divine capacity to offer life to those he promises, even to those who are dead.

When we consider something to be dead it may mean that there is no vitality in it, but it can also mean that the thing needs to change. To most of us, both meanings may apply. There may be some areas of our lives, our hearts, our emotions, our thoughts, our beliefs, and our attitudes that are not alive. These become the graves or tombs of sin and defeat, and which need to be resurrected or changed.

At times we notice we are in such situations and want the change to occur but we are unable to bring that about on our own. We must realize that in most instances of our lives, the power of Jesus is the only power we can rely on; it is what we need to bring about the change and the aliveness we hope to experience.

We notice that Mary and Martha didn't really know what Jesus was up to when he asked that the stone be taken away from the tomb of Lazarus, but they permitted it anyway.

As Christians, sometimes we are afraid to take away the stone in our lives so that Jesus can see us and ask us to come out of our tomb of sin, disappointment, failure, struggles. And the reason is that we are afraid to let go, of what we will lose, or of what people will think or say about us.

We should remember from the gospel over the last three weeks that Jesus takes nothing away from us. Instead, he gives us love and hope, and adds meaning to our lives.

- REMEMBER: During Lent we have Stations of the Cross & Mass on Friday evening at 6:00pm. You only have to sacrifice one hour of your time, even though it's Friday, to attend.
- We are inviting you to donate Easter/Spring flowers to help decorate our altar during the Easter season. Flowers may be brought to the church the week before Easter. Decorating will be done after the Good Friday service, either Friday or Saturday.
- KOLACHE BAKE SALE DATE IS APRIL 22! There are flyers printed, ads will be placed on local tv, and fb ads can/will be shared. We hope you'll mark the date on your calendars and will be able to share your time, talent & treasure to this project. If we have lots of orders, some of the baking may be done on Friday, April 21. More info to come.
- The next Guild meeting is set for Monday, April 3rd @ 6:30pm in the church library.
- **Pledge now, donate later, and save on your taxes in 2023!** Did you know that in 2022 hundreds of Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) donors **received a 75% tax credit** for their contribution to our STO? Your generosity provides tuition assistance to qualifying Catholic school families while providing you with a **75% Iowa income tax credit**. Our Faith STO is now accepting pledge donations to help donors plan for the 2023 tax season. *You can commit to your contribution now and donate later while reserving your 2023 tax credit!* To pledge, please visit: [www.OurFaithSTO.org/pledge](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org/pledge), or call Steve Kane at 563-552-0297



### Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 6, 2023: Holy Thursday Mass @ 7:00pm

Friday, April 7, 2023: Good Friday Service @ 3:00pm

Sunday, April 9, 2023: Easter Sunday Mass @ 10:30am



March 18, 2023 Collection:

Envelopes = \$750.00

Offertory = \$63.00

Candle Money = \$28.00

TOTAL = \$841.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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