

## Daily Readings

Week of April 16, 2023

Sunday, 4/16: Acts 2: 42-47/Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24/

1 Pt 1: 3-9/Jn 20: 19-31

Monday, 4/17: Acts 4: 23-31/Ps 2: 1-9/Jn 3: 1-8

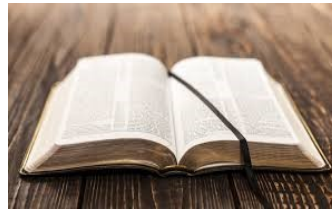
Tuesday, 4/18: Acts 4: 32-37/Ps 93: 1-2, 5/Jn 3: 7-15

Wednesday, 4/19: Acts 5: 17-26/Ps 34: 2-9/Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday, 4/20: Acts 5: 27-33/Ps 34: 2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3: 31-36

Friday, 4/21: Acts 5: 34-42/Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6: 1-15

Saturday, 4/22: Acts 6: 1-7/Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6: 16-21



# SACRED HEART

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

309 Church Street • PO Box 98

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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**April 16, 2023**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

### 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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Ron Nowachek

Mark Denniston

## Schedule for April 23, 2023

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family

Servers: Kevin/Nathan

Money Counters: Kris/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Margo/Mary Ann M

**Liturgical  
Ministers**

## 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, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



# PASTOR SPEAKS

## Fostering a Missionary Discipleship Parish CULTURE

### Part One

#### Are you a practicing missionary disciple?

Let us reflect on this question during the Easter Season.

“Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.” (Matt 28:8).

For over two thousand years, the joy of the gospel, which the women received from the angel and shared with the apostles “fills the hearts and lives of those who encounter Jesus” (Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*).

After we have believed in the resurrection of Jesus and have been baptized into His death, we are called to live as missionary disciples in our parish community.

Living and practicing missionary discipleship stems from our baptism by which we are given our personal reasons to teach and announce the same gospel of joy we have received to others.

“All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization... The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized... to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’ ” (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 120).

A 2017 document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “Living as Missionary

Disciples”, laid out four moments in the evangelization process:

**Encounter.** Encountering Christ is the purpose of evangelization.

**Accompany.** Encountering Christ with family and friends in the Church provides encouragement and support.

**Community.** Once we have joined with Christ, we join others in the Christian community to form a parish family.

**Send.** Filled with zeal, we become empowered to share our beliefs with others and bring them to believe with us. Missionary discipleship is an invitation to be actively engaged with your faith.

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From the outset, the women who witnessed the empty tomb practiced a missionary discipleship. They embarked on carry– it– forward mission to get the apostles to believe that Jesus was risen. He was alive!

#### How are you practicing as a Missionary Disciple?

- Thank you to all who made our Easter Week Masses & Services so meaningful. Many of you have been called upon to do many jobs during this season of Lent and Easter, and you are very much appreciated!
- Many thanks to: our servers, who have been so faithful helping Fr Andrew, our readers, our greeters and gift bearers, our Eucharistic Ministers, and our money counters.
- More thanks go out to our wonderful choir, who is so dedicated to our music ministry here at SH. Our little church family is so lucky to have you!
- Lots of thanks go to our decorators who always make our church look warm and inviting. Great job with our Easter season altar! Thanks to all who donated flowers for the altar.
- Finally, a big thank you to Fr Andrew and Fr Juhl for being with us to help make our Lent, Holy Week and Easter special!
- REMEMBER: KOLACHE BAKE SALE DATES ARE APRIL 21 & 22. Since there have been many orders, we will be doing some baking on April 21, so that we can be sure and get all the orders filled. Please consider helping one or both of those days with the processes of making, baking, packaging and cleaning up. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Doris or Sharon.
- May 7 refreshment committee after Mass is: Patty M, Amy E, Abby I and Leha J.
- Join us at St. Patrick's Church in Anamosa on May 1st and 2nd at 6:30pm each night for a two-day Catholic Mission you will never forget! Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, John Leonetti will help us close the gap between the Gospel and our everyday lives. Evening one explores, "Who is God and why does that matter" and evening two journeys through "God's dream for your life." A taco bar will be provided Monday before the event in the parish hall beginning at 5pm. Bring your family and friends to this free and unforgettable experience!



April 9, 2023 Collection:

Envelopes = \$740.00  
Offertory = \$213.00  
Candles = \$26.00  
Easter = 1045.00

TOTAL = \$2024.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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