

## Daily Readings

Week of April 30, 2023

Sunday, 4/30: Acts 2: 14, 36-41/Ps 23: 1-6/1 Pt 2: 20-25

Jn 10: 1-10

Monday, 5/1: Gn 1: 26; 2: 3/Ps 90: 2-4, 12-14, 16/

Mt 13: 54-58

Tuesday, 5/2: Acts 11: 19-26/Ps 87: 1-7/Jn 10: 22-30

Wednesday, 5/3: 1 Cor 15: 1-8/Ps 19: 2-5/Jn 14: 6-14

Thursday, 5/4: Acts 13: 13-25/Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13: 16-20

Friday, 5/5: Acts 13: 26-33/Ps 2: 6-11/Jn 14: 1-6

Saturday, 5/6: Acts 13: 44-52/Ps 98: 1-4/Jn 14: 7-14



# SACRED HEART

**“BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
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PRAYER & SERVICE”**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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## April 30, 2023

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### Sacred Heart Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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### St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)

#### Office Hours:

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

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Ron Nowachek

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## Schedule for May 7, 2023

Lector: Confirmation Students

Greeters/Gifts: CCD

Servers: CCD

Money Counters: Mark/Jon

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.

### 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

### Receiving the Sacrament: Encountering Jesus and Others

Happy Easter Season! This weekend, we enter the fourth Sunday of Easter. As we are aware, the entire Easter Season is getting us warmed up and poised for two more spiritually illuminating feasts: The Ascension and Pentecost.

I encourage each one to keep the Easter experience, momentum, and spirit going. It is this experience that sustains our hope to live and receive from the risen Lord more **LIFE, JOY,** and **LOVE** and share them with others.

Talk about receiving and sharing God's gifts, last weekend was an exciting moment for eight of second graders who received their First Holy Communion and their families at St. John's.

As the children stood around the altar with me during the consecration, I watched them and noticed how special they appeared and how readily they looked forward to receiving the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.

As they received the Precious Blood, I heard some of them make comments like "Oh that is not so bad," "That was cool," "It didn't really taste like real wine." I smiled hearing their innocent comments; I knew they were expressing experiences they were having with the Lord in those childlike comments.

Through their first experience with the Lord in the Holy Communion, these children were affirming and reminding us of what we know but sometimes forget that Jesus is always cool, and that it isn't so bad to believe fully in Him, receive Him and follow Him.

This weekend, our sister parishes of St. John and St. Isidore will both have the privilege to host families and friends of children who will receive their First Holy Communion, eight more for St. John and seven for St. Isidore.

Like their friends at St. John and Isidore, Hunter and Haven will celebrate their First Holy Communion on June 25. June may seem far away to them, but I want them to know that their RE teachers, families, and all parishioners can't wait to see them standing with me at the altar during the prayers. We look forward to that day together to celebrate!

We already join their families to **congratulate** and **say** to them how proud we are of them as our young parishioners. We also pray for them and their parents to keep cherishing and sustaining their interest in coming to church to prepare to receive this **extraordinary GIFT** of God in Holy Communion.

One more reminder that there is Reconciliation for all First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates on May 7 to prepare for the sacraments.

- CONGRATULATIONS to Creed and Lorelei Johnson and their parents and Godparents, on their baptism today! Parents of Creed and Lorelei are Leha and Curtis Johnson. Godparents to Creed are Terry Goedken and Megan Livingston and Godparents to Lorelei are Gary Goedken and Nicole Pettinger. Welcome to our church family!!

- Thank you to all of you who shared your time, talent and treasure last weekend making kolaches, and to those of you who brought supplies or donated cash. Over 3,200 kolaches were made and sold to our loyal family and friends. Thank you Doris and Sharon for heading up this large project. Look for a financial report on this project soon. Our church family is truly blessed to have so many who supported us!

- There are some important dates coming up for us to celebrate members of our church family. May 7 we'll be honoring our graduates, Logan Bicknese and Zain Sauer at Mass and refreshments to follow. May 14 we'll be celebrating our mothers. May 21 we'll be celebrating Confirmation of four students, Lily Carlson, Eli Dies, Nathan Rickels, and Grady Sauer. Bishop Pates, the Apostolic Administrator, will be here to confirm our students, following Archbishop Jackel's early retirement for health reasons. Please come to support and celebrate our students and mothers on these dates.

- Guild Meeting on May 1 at 6:30 in the church library.

- 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 23, 2023 Collection:

Envelopes = \$839.00  
Offertory = \$61.00  
Candles = \$16.00

TOTAL = \$916.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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