

## Daily Readings

Week of June 25, 2023

Sunday, 6/25: Jeremiah 20:10-13/ Ps 69:8-10,14, 17, 33-35/  
Romans 5:12-15/ Matthew 10:26-33

Monday, 6/26: Genesis 12:1-9/ Ps 33:12-12, 18-20,22/  
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, 6/27: Genesis 13:2, 5-18/ Ps 15:2-5/ Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, 6/28: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18. Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/ Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, 6/29: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-9/ 2Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Friday, 6/30: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/ Ps 128:1-5/ Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, 7/1: Genesis 18:1-15/ Luke 1:46-50, 53-55/ Matthew 8:5-1



# SACRED HEART

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

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**June 25, 2023**

**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Liturgical  
Ministers**

### Schedule for July 2, 2023

Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family

Servers: Kevin/Nathan

Money Counters: Monte/Sharon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Margo/Volunteers

### Today's Mass Intention

**Paul and 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](mailto:DBQ137@dbqarch.org).

### Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack,

Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen,

Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan,

Fr. Andrew

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#### Office Hours:

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Phone: 319-895-6246

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Brett Moorman

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## PASTOR SPEAKS

### *Staying Close to the Lord*

This weekend marks the celebration of the First Holy Communion of Hunter and Haven. We congratulate them and their families. We are so happy they are receiving Jesus' Body and Blood for the first time. We are all praying for them to enjoy and cherish this experience and grow closer to Jesus.

The readings for this weekend urge us to stay close to God and put our trust in His providential care. Jesus said in the gospel, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

St. John the Baptist was one person that acknowledged Jesus throughout his ministry and lifetime. And he challenged us also to acknowledge the Lord by *bearing fruits worthy as the followers of the Lord (Luke 3:8)*.

One way to measure how closely we're really following Jesus is to take an honest look at our lives. Looking at our lives sometimes could mean asking another person to give you feedback about how you are doing. If you are a father, you could ask your wife or children, "how am I doing?" Mothers and children can ask them something of one another.

WE recall in another place where Jesus said, "A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit". He's talking about people, not trees.

Most of the time, the people close to us know us best; we can rely on them to make changes in our lives by finding out from them with simple, open questions. For they see our "good fruits" such as love, joy, peace, patience, honesty, kindness, goodness, justice, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control." But they also can identify our "bad fruits" such as anger, impatience, biases, unforgiveness, and lack of self-control, selfishness, pride, greed, envy, gossip, unkindness, and hatred.

As we follow Jesus and grow closer to him, his Spirit living in us will help us produce more and more good fruit, and less and less bad fruit. The changes in thoughts, attitudes, and actions will continue for a person's whole life because God is never done teaching us, shaping us, encouraging us, and transforming us into the person he created us to be. Let's stay close to Jesus.

- Congratulations Haven, Hunter and your family on this day of your First Holy Communion. It is a very special sacrament, and your church family here at Sacred Heart is so happy to celebrate with you! We invite everyone to enjoy a cookie, drink and fellowship after Mass today.



- We had a great outdoor Mass last Sunday. It was a beautiful sunny day even though we had a few large wind gusts! Thanks to those who participated, helped set up and then take down and put everything away.
- It's not too early to begin thinking about a silent auction item for our church festival on September 16th. We will be giving you some ideas soon.



June 18th Collection	
Envelopes =	\$340.00
Offertory =	\$ 11.00
Candles =	\$ 9.00
TOTAL =	\$ 360.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM

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