

Daily Readings

Week of August 6, 2023

Sunday, 8/6: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14/ Ps 07:1-2,5-6,9/2Peter 1:16-19/ Matthew 17:1-9

Monday,8/7: Numbers 11:4-15/ ps 81:12-17/ Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, 8/8: 2Timothy 4:1-5/ Ps 37:3-6,30-31/ Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, 8/9: Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1. 26-29,34-25/ Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23/ Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, 8/10: 2Cor 9:6-10/ Ps 112:1-2,5-9/ John 12:24-26

Friday, 8/11: Hosea 2^o16,17,21-22/ Ps 45:11-12,14-16/ John 15:4-10

Saturday, 8/12: Deuteronomy 6:4-13/ Ps 18:2-4,47,51/ Matthew 17:14-20



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Schedule for August 13, 2023

Lector: Mark

Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family

Servers: Kevin/Declan

Money Counters: Mark/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers Please

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.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack,

Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Jeramie Driver,

Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan,

Fr. Andrew



PASTOR SPEAKS

Setting and Implementing Parish Vitality Goals

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend, I wish to introduce some discussions that should concern all of us in the parish; it is on the issue of **Parish Vitality**. The necessity for the discussions is partly seeking to follow archdiocesan efforts at promoting vital parish communities in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and partly due to our need to build an engaging parish. While the key point of these discussions will not be new to you, this time, it calls for more altruistic actions from all of us.

Almost two years ago, the archdiocese began a broad outreach to engage parishioners to reflect on parish vitality and assist the archdiocese to come up with some markers of this concept. Obviously, the immediate reason was to take a bottom-up approach to study the state of the archdiocese and, perhaps, provide a roadmap for future planning and development of the archdiocese.

Fast forward, in the past few months, our parish Pastoral Council, upon the recommendation of the archdiocese, has been working on some areas within the parish that need more attention for us to be a more vital parish. The council has decided that among other pressing concerns of the parish, we will focus on two goals this year. By this year, I mean the archdiocesan fiscal year from July 2023 to June 2024.

For this bulletin edition, I intend to just draw your attention to the issue and invite you to start reflecting on our need to revitalize our parish community. Subsequent editions will carry the goals and more details of it.

Please, remember that currently the issue is no longer about what the archdiocese wants to do; it is about what we need to initiate in our parish to foster a strong, exciting parish community.

There are several reasons people join parishes; among them is being part of an engaging community with a sense of belonging and participation. Most people these days deem connecting and networking with others to be critical for personal wellbeing and fulfilment. Therefore, I hope all parishioners will show interest in the parish vitality goals that we will be working on during the year.

Thank you for your interest in our holy enterprise.

The Guild will be having a meeting on Monday Aug. 7th at 5:00. We will be discussing and working plans for the Fall Dinner on September 17th. All women from the parish are welcome to attend and help out.



It's time to get kids signed up for CCD for 2023-2024! Please sign up your child through this link. Check the church Facebook for a clickable link or email Sarah to be sent the clickable link via email or <https://forms.gle/7HXMBFpDt3TzsHWD8> We also need teachers - Please contact Sarah to sign up to teach or inquire about teaching. It takes a village!

The Sacred Heart Church Dinner is approaching fast. Please mark your calendars for September 17th. We need all of our church family to help in various ways!!!

It's not too soon to be thinking about silent auction items to donate to the Fall dinner. People love to bid on great gift baskets at the silent auction. Here are some great ideas that Shari Crock suggests: Holiday Basket, Fall Basket, Beauty Basket, Favorite Team Basket and so many more. Team up with a friend to create a basket. Be creative and have fun with it!!

Please, if you have been stuck with a job at the fall dinner that you do not like, talk with Karen or Mary Ann. We meet in August to plan jobs and donations. If we know, we can change your job.

All women of our parish are members of the guild. We are putting together a church-related silent auction basket for the festival on September 17th. There is a box in the church hall in which to place a cash donation to help pay for the items. Any amount you feel comfortable donating is greatly appreciated. Please have your donation in by August 13th. If there is any cash left over, it will be donated to the church.



July 30th Collection

Envelopes =	\$165.00
Offertory =	\$ 33.00
Candles =	\$ 12.00
Donations =	\$ 35.00
Total =	\$245.00

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM