

Daily Readings for the Week of Oct. 5th

Oct. 5: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4/ Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9/
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14/ Luke 17:5-10
Oct. 6: Jonah 1:1--2:2, 11/ Jonah 2:3-5, 8/ Luke 10:25-37
Oct. 7: Acts 1:12-14/ Luke 1:46-55/ Luke 1:26-38
Oct. 8: Jonah 4:1-11/ Psalms 86:3-6, 9-10/ Luke 11:1-4
Oct. 9: Malachi 3:13-20/ Psalms 1:1-4, 6/ Luke 11:5-13
Oct. 10: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Psalms 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/ Luke 11:15-26
Oct. 11: Joel 4:12-21/ Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Luke 11:27-28

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Oct. 5, 2025

Lector: Margo
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Monte/Jon
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron

Schedule for October 12, 2025

Lector: Steve
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family
Servers: Evie/Grady
Money Counters: Kris/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist : Mary A M/Ron

Today's Mass Intention

John & Bettie Swan

Mass Intention Oct. 12, 2025

Otto and Janice 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, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, Mary Hansen,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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October 5, 2025

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Make October a Jubilee of the Rosary Novena

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I left Iowa for Ghana to see my family. I am grateful for the time and opportunity to connect with my mom, siblings, and friends. There were exciting moments and sad stories—some loved ones have passed, and others are not doing well physically.

What strikes me is that, as much as I enjoyed the visit and even wished to stay longer, I am now back in Iowa, and those feelings are behind me. The visit is over, and what remains is nostalgia. Jesus told us in Mark 13:31, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Everything in life comes and goes quickly, no matter how much we desire it to remain. Only God’s word and prayer endure with constancy.

God is waiting to answer your prayers. One clear path is the rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially during October. Make this October a Jubilee of the rosary for you and your family.

Life teaches us that the things we worry about most are usually the things most important to us. What is not important rarely causes anxiety. The Bible invites us to persistent prayer to show how deeply we value what we ask for. The rosary, by its nature, is patterned on persistence. Through repetition of the Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary, we demonstrate perseverance before God, and the intentions we present become priorities in our lives.

Praying the rosary should not be viewed as a mere routine of words. Instead, it is a prayer that calls for persistence, engaging all our faculties and aligning us spiritually, mentally, and physically with God. In this way, persistence becomes a form of trust, shaping our priorities and strengthening our faith.

This October, take the things that weigh most heavily on your heart and turn them into intentions for the rosary. Each year, the Church dedicates October to the rosary. Make this one a Jubilee, a month-long novena of prayer, so that through repetition, reflection, and faith, you and your family may find strength and peace in God’s presence.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

“Table of Plenty” will take place today before and after Mass.

Our next Bible Study will be Oct. 8th at 6:15. If this date and time changes, you will be notified. We always have room for more to attend.

Please consider attending our celebration of fall at Sacred Heart OJ on Oct. 12th, with a polka Mass outdoors and lunch to follow. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided, Please bring a dish to share and a chair or blanket. All members, past and present, and friends and family are invited. In case of bad weather, we will simply have everything inside.

Ladies of the Sacred Heart is planning a Cinnamon Roll Bake on Saturday, November 15th. More information to come.



The next step in the Journey in Faith process will be Session #2 which will be held on October 19th after Mass at the church. This session will be lead by the Journey in Faith leadership team from our own parish. This is the time to ask questions, voice concerns and share ideas to keep our parish open. We all play a big part in our parish and everyone has a voice. Come to this session, learn a little more about what is going on, We urge everyone to attend.



Sept. 21, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 775.00
Offertory	101.00
Candles	12.00
Table of Plenty	280.00
Faith Formation	10.00
Total	\$ 1,178.00
Building Fund	200.00

Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM