

Daily Readings for the Week of Oct. 26

Oct. 26: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/ Psalms 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18/ Luke 18:9-14
Oct. 27: Romans 8:12-17/ Psalms 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21/ Luke 13:10-17
Oct. 28: Ephesians 2:19-22/ Psalms 19:2-5/ Luke 6:12-16
Oct. 29: Romans 8:26-30/ Psalms 13:4-6/ Luke 13:22-30
Oct. 30: Romans 8:31-39/ Psalms 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/ Luke 13:31-35
Oct. 31: Romans 9:1-5/ Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20/ Luke 14:1-6
Nov. 1: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/ Psalms 24:1-6/ 1 John 3:1-3/ Matthew 5:1-12

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Oct. 26, 2025

Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Nadine/Mary
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Kris/Jon
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jon/Rick

Schedule for Nov. 2, 2025

Lector: Mark
Greeters/Gifts: Denniston Family
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Mark/Mary A K
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

Today's Mass Intention

Leonard Lasack

Mass Intention Nov. 2, 2025
Duane Feuss
Gib Feuss

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,
Rhett James Leeper, Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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October 26, 2025

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PASTOR SPEAKS

Next Steps in Permanent Diaconate Process

Joshua Sundstrom Set for June Ordination

My name is Joshua Sundstrom, and I am in the final phase of the Permanent Diaconate program in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. In the spring of 2021, Father Andrew and I began the application process for my entrance into the program. After meeting all the admission requirements, my wife, Theresa, and I began formation and discernment in January 2022.

In October 2023, Class XXI of the Permanent Diaconate was officially admitted to candidacy. This took place in our parish of St. Isidore's and was the only time the wives were formally asked for permission to allow their husbands to continue through formation.

In October 2024, our class was instituted as lectors in Marshalltown. Most of you are familiar with the term lector as it is often used for those who read the first and second readings at Mass. Technically, those readers are not instituted as lectors. According to Church history, becoming a lector was one of the "minor orders," predominantly filled by clerics preparing for priesthood. In 1972, Pope Paul VI abolished the minor orders and made the roles of lector and acolyte available, not just to men preparing for the permanent diaconate or priesthood.

Recently, in Dyersville, Class XXI was installed as acolytes. An acolyte assists at the altar—almost a step between an altar server and a deacon or priest. An acolyte can purify sacred

vessels after Communion, distribute Holy Communion, and bring Communion to the sick. As I move forward, you will see me begin to function as an acolyte during Mass.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate will be at the Cathedral in Dubuque on June 27, 2026. My family and I extend an invitation to all—more details will follow later.

News

Ladies of the Sacred Heart will meet after Mass this Sunday. Please consider attending to make final preps for our Cinnamon Roll Bake on Saturday Nov. 15th.

"Table of Plenty" will take place on November 2nd before and after Mass. There will also be refreshment served that day. Committee is: Mary Hansen, Mary A M, and Donna Schewe.

November 2nd is All Soul's Day. We will have a memorial candle ceremony in honor of our loved ones who have passed. There are donation boxes and sign up sheets if you wish to participate. There will be a procession of family members who will carry the candles to the altar. You may leave the candles at church to be used throughout the year or take them home.



Thank for attending our Session #2 Journey in Faith. Also Thank you to Brett Moorman and Fr. Andrew for presenting and explaining Journey in Faith to us last Sunday. They were excellent at explaining, commenting and answering questions regarding how this could affect our parish. Many questions and concerns and sharing went on in small groups. These were all recorded by a scribe and given to Wendy to be sent to the Archdiocese. We all play a big part in our parish and everyone has a voice. Please attend our next session on November 9th to make sure your voices gets documented in the Journey in Faith process. All input will again be recorded and sent to the Archdiocese. Let's do our best to keep Sacred Heart OJ a viable site for a weekend Mass. WE ARE SMALL BUT STRONG!!!! You have until November 21 to submit your personal opinions and ideas directly to the Archdiocese by filling out a feedback form at: dbqjourneyinfaith.org. We need to bombard the Archdiocese with the reasons to stay open. Submit forms as many times you can.

WEEKLY OFFERING

October 19, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$650.00
Offertory	68.00
Table of Plenty	25.00
Call to Share	300.00
TOTAL	\$1043.00

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