

Daily Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026

Mar 22: Ezekiel 37:12-14/ Psalms 130:1-8/ Romans 8:8-11/ John 11:1-45
Mar 23: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Psalms 23:1-6/ John 8:1-11
Mar 24: Numbers 21:4-9/ Psalms 102:2-3, 16-21/ John 8:21-30
Mar 25: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/ Psalms 40:7-11/ Hebrews 10:4-10/
Luke 1:26-38
Mar 26: Genesis 17:3-9/ Psalms 105:4-9/ John 8:51-59
Mar 27: Jeremiah 20:10-13/ Psalms 18:2-7/ John 10:31-42
Mar 28: Ezekiel 37:21-28/ Jeremiah 31:10-13/ John 11:45-56

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for March 22, 2026

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

Schedule for March 29, 2026

Lector: Nathan/Margo
Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Kris/Jon
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Ron/Mary A M

Today's Mass Intention

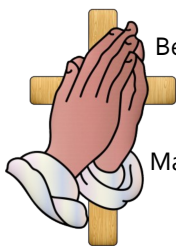
Dolores Eganhouse

Mass Intention March 29, 2026

Leonard 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, Heather Scheiman, Bill Ihns, Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, Ed Schwers, Gene Schwers, Julie Ahrendsen, Carrie Leeper, Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig, Marvin Ludwig, Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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5th Sunday of Lent

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Fifth Sunday of Lent: The Grace of the Sacraments

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend, I warmly wish to bring to your attention and invite you to participate in the parish **communal penance**, and for those who need it, **communal anointing during Mass**. These opportunities are gifts for our spiritual renewal, especially as we continue our Lenten journey together. I encourage each of you to take a little time to be present, to pray, and to receive the grace God desires to give.

Every year during Advent and Lent, we offer the sacrament of Reconciliation for our sister parishes. I'm especially grateful to the faithful priests of our archdiocese who generously come to assist us. This Sunday at 2:00 PM, we will celebrate our Communal Lenten Penance at St. John's. Please consider making use of this time, especially if you have not been to confession recently or are unable to come before weekend Mass.

I also encourage all parishioners to receive this sacrament regularly. As St. Augustine reminds us, *"The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works."* Confession is not outdated or out of place; it remains one of the most humble and tender expressions of God's mercy, extended to us by Christ Himself for our healing and renewal.

Receiving this sacrament during Lent is essential for our spiritual growth. It is not merely an obligation, but an invitation to draw closer to God and trust in His mercy. St. Padre Pio said, *"The Lord never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking,"* and St. John Chrysostom encourages us, *"Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent."* Do not be afraid of confession because it is the doorway to your peace and a renewed relationship with God.

We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass this weekend. This beautiful sacrament reminds us that Christ meets us in our suffering and pain. As is celebrated within the Eucharist, the prayers of the whole Church are united with those who seek healing, bringing strength, peace, and grace to those who are ill or burdened.

At the same time, this sacrament calls our entire community to grow in compassion, especially toward the weak and vulnerable. As St. John Paul II said, *"Suffering, more than anything else, makes present in the history of humanity the force of the Redemption."* In this way, the Anointing of the Sick becomes not only a moment of healing, but also a witness that even in our weakness, God's grace is powerfully at work. Let us come and celebrate these sacraments that heal our brokenness and restore us to God's grace.

The Spring Kolache bake day is complete, with the women of our Parish baking and selling 224 dozens kolaches and 26 dozen cinnamon rolls. Cash donations would still be appreciated to help us pay for this fundraising opportunity. Donations can be put in the Ladies Guild Box in the hallway.

There will be no Ladies of the Sacred Heart meeting in March.

Sacred Heart OJ will have Stations of the Cross and Mass lasting about 1 hour, 6:00pm every Friday evening of Lent up until Psalm Sunday.

Thank you from Catholic Charities—these past several weeks, Catholic Charities has received strong spiritual and financial support for their 2026 Annual Appeal. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, your prayers, and your steadfast commitment to serving our brothers and sisters who are so precious to Christ. Together, may we continue to be instruments of His love and mercy in our Archdiocese. Join our community of hope today at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>

Journey in Faith: Councils, Commissions and Committees The archdiocese of Dubuque continues its Journey in Faith—A process of renewal and planning to strengthen Catholic life across northeast Iowa. As part of the preparation for pastorate life in July 2026, our parish staff has been participating weekly in a “prep series” presented by the archdiocese. Each week the prep series focuses on a specific topic.

A recent topic was councils, commissions, and committees. In addition to parish pastoral councils and parish finance councils, there will be pastorate-level commissions in each of these areas. The pastorate pastoral commission and pastorate finance commission will have representation from all parishes within a pastorate.

Parish level councils will remain focused on items directly related to each parish. Pastorate-level commissions will focus on working together as a pastorate, including creation and championing of the pastorate implementation plan to be developed this fall. Current pastoral council and parish finance council members will learn more in upcoming meetings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for March 15, 2026	
Envelope	\$ 430.00
Offertory	69.00
Candles	22.00
Table of Plenty	208.00
TOTAL	\$729.00
Building Fund	205.00

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