

Daily Readings for the Week of August 31st

Aug. 31st: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Psalms 68:4-7, 10-11/ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24/
Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept. 1st: Genesis 2:4-9, 15/ Psalms 90:2-5, 12-14, 16/ Matthew 6:31-34
Sept. 2nd: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11, Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/Luke 4:31-37
Sept. 3rd: Colossians 1:1-8/ Psalms 52:10-11/ Luke 4:38-44
Sept. 4th: Colossians 1:9-14/ Psalms 98:2-6/ Luke 5:1-11
Sept. 5th: Colossians 1:15-20/ Psalms 100:2-5/ Luke 5:33-39
Sept. 6th: Colossians 1:21-23/ Psalms 54:3-4, 6, 8/ Luke 6:1-5

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Aug. 31, 2025

Lector: Steve
Greeters/Gifts: Rissler Family
Servers: Evie/Gabi
Money Counters: Kris/Margo
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Rick/Mary A M

Today's Mass Intention

**Duane & Jean Feuss
and Eleanor Bicknese**

Mass Intention Sept. 7, 2025

Joe Morgan

Grandparents

Ed and Eleanor Bicknese

Gib and Buelah Feuss

Fred and Marge Burda

Alfred and Flo Leeper

Schedule for Sept. 7, 2025

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

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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August 31, 2025

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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even look like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will have a meeting after Mass today. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

We will have the "Table of Plenty" on September 7th before and after Mass.

Refreshments will be served after Mass on September 7th. The refreshment crew will be Lola L, Kellie L and Celeste W. Thank you ladies.

The wonderful women of our church will be making kolaches on September 5th at 6th. If you have signed up to donate and/or work at the kolache bake to, please show up at your designated times to work. All items purchase for the back need to be at the church before the 5th. Thank you so much for making such an impact on our yearly budget.

In the hallway are sign up sheets for bible study on Wednesday evenings as well as a sign up sheet for a possible bible study for youth from confirmed to graduation. Get involved and join us for bible study. Sign up!

Our first Bible study will be September 10th at 6:15. If this date and time changes, you will be notified. We always have room for more participants.

On June 25th, a letter was read to the parishioners regarding a project call "Journey in Faith", spearheaded by Archbishop Tom Zinkula. Today is the second insert in the bulletin regarding this process. It is important the you read these inserts and follow the instructions on them.

Fr. Denny Juhl has had hip surgery recently and would love to hear from you. He has been such a blessing to our church when Fr. Andrew is unavailable. If you would like to send him a card. Please bring it to the church on the 7th, and Wendy Swan will delivery them to him. Thanks.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug. 24, 2025 Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 520.00
Offertory	44.00
Candles	24.00
Total	588.00

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