

Daily Readings for the Week of March 23, 2025

Mar.23: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15/ Psalms 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/
Luke 13:1-9
Mar.24: 2 Kings 5:1-5/ Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4/ Luke 4:24-30
Mar.25: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/ Psalms 40:7-11/ Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38
Mar.26: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Matthew 5:17-19
Mar.27: Jeremiah 7:23-28/ Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9/ Luke 11:14-23
Mar.28: Sirach 6:5-17/ Psalms 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/ Mark 10:1-12
Mar.29: Hosea 6:1-6/ Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21/ Luke 18:9-14

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for March 23, 2025

Lector: Nathan
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Kris/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Rick/Jon

Schedule for March 30th, 2025

Lector: Shari
Greeter/Gifts: J Ahrendsen Family
Servers: Evie/Gabi
Money Counters: Jon/Sharon
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Margo

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, John Swan,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



SACRED HEART



March 23, 2025

Sacred Heart Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)

Office Hours:

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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3rd Sunday of Lent

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Mark Denniston

My life as a Parishioner in Lent

Lent is a beautiful time to grow in deeper love with Christ and with others— family, friends, co-workers, classmates— and experience the meaning and beauty of life together. For what is the meaning of life when it is not expressed in love for others. During Lent, we are invited to reflect and honestly ask God to show us how He sees us and the way we can better ourselves for Him. Lent extends this opportunity to us to anticipate Christ’s passion and suffering in a real and deep way. We have the chance to ask Christ to make our hearts more like His: merciful, attentive, generous, and eager to love. Then we put in the effort to act accordingly in all the WWCD (What will Christ do) moments.

Here are three general areas you can consider during this Lent in addition to whatever you have been doing.

1. Delve into the Parish Family: Our parish is our family. There may be some parishioners in the parish you have never talked to before, though you see them around and probably sit close to during Mass. You can make it a Lenten practice to take one step further to make time to converse after Mass; introduce your family or yourself or say hello directly to people and have a conversation with them. It is the way we get to know parishioners and feel bonded and caring towards one another and be a community.

Also, participate in the parish’s Lenten programs: Stations of the Cross, Praying the Rosary, reciting the Jubilee Prayer, Adorations, Lenten Study, etc. All these holy acts that can take place right here can make us experience the richness of Lent and become what God wants us to be.

2. Go to Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is such a beautiful sacrament. Let us make it part of our Lenten journey. It allows us to be transformed into the vessel of grace. When we leave the Confessional, the gifts of grace and peace are bestowed upon us. We become more in tune and open to the Holy Spirit, who desires us to flourish. Lent is a time of reflection and healing, and this is the best way to reflect upon our lives and let God heal us.

3. Return to the Sacred Scripture: Studying and familiarizing ourselves with the Scripture is a great way to prepare our minds, hearts, and souls for what God has in store for us. We can do this by committing to reading the Bible daily, praying, fasting for the parish, and trying our best to attend Mass. With these actions, God will bless our Lent. Remember that Lent is not only about giving up some things. It is also about getting things— blessings and graces by following some of the suggestions.

God bless you and keep having a rewarding Lent.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will have a meeting after Mass on March 30th.

Our next “Table of Plenty” is April 6. Please consider donating some backed goods or a craft that you think someone would appreciate. Remember to price the items before you bring them in. This money collected from the sale of these items goes towards our fundraising goal for 2025 of \$15,000.

Refreshments will be served following Mass on April 6th

The Kolache bake is March 28 & 29. There are signs in the hall to sign up to donate supplies, time, or money. Please consider helping with this important fund-raising event.

Our next bible study gathering will be on March 26th in the church library at 6:30pm.

Our Parish will have Mass tomorrow, March 24th, at 6:00pm to celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Jubilee Prayer Service for Health Care Workers

The archdiocesan Consultant for Health Care Ethics and Fr. Dennis Quint, Pastor at the Cathedral of St. Raphael and St. Patrick in Dubuque, are hosting a Jubilee Prayer Service for Health Care Workers at St. Patrick on Saturday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a blessing of hands, and time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession as part of the Lenten observance. St. Patrick Church is located at 1425 Iowa St. Dubuque, IA 52001.

Please take a moment to thank Blain and Monte for their hard work in removing all the leaves in the church yard. Also, the difficult job of reducing the boxelder bug population in the church. We are always looking for volunteers to do help with projects around the church. If you would be willing to help from time to time please contact Blain Crock. There are plenty of projects to assist with around the church.

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 16, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 575.00
Offertory	37.00
Candles	24.00
Donation	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 736.00

Baptism Information

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

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM