

Daily Readings for the Week of August 24th

Aug 24: Isaiah 66:18-21/ Psalms 117:1-2/ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/ Luke 13:22-30

Aug 25: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10/ Psalms 149:1-6, 9/ Matthew 23:13-22

Aug 26: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/ Psalms 139:1-3, 4-6/ Matthew 23:23-26

Aug 27: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/ Psalms 139:7-12/ Matthew 23:27-32

Aug 28: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/ Psalms 90:3-5, 12-14, 17/ Matthew 24:42-51

Aug 29: Jeremiah 1:17-19/ Psalms 71:1-6, 15, 17/ Mark 6:17-29

Aug 30: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/ Psalms 98:1, 7-9/ Matthew 25:14-30

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Aug. 24, 2025

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family

Servers: Grady/Declan

Money Counters: Sharon/John

Extraordinary Ministers

Schedule for Aug. 24, 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

John and Bettie Swan

Mass Intention Aug 31, 2025

Duane and Jean Feuss

Eleanor Bicknese

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,

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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August 24, 2025

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Remember to mark September 5-6 on your calendars for our next kolache bake. Sign up sheets have been put up in the hallway, please sign up for a job on Friday or Saturday or Both. Please volunteer to purchase some supplies for the kolache bake or donate cash for flour and fillings. PLEASE NOTE: ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY AUGUST 27th

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!

St. Isidore Church in Springville will have their annual Festival today starting at 11:00 See bulletin in the hallway for more information. Sounds like a fun day.

On June 25th, a letter was read to the parishioners regarding a project call "Journey in Faith", spearheaded by Archbishop Tom Zinkula. "Journey in Faith" is the Archdiocese of Dubuque's pastoral planning initiative designed to renew discipleship, strengthen our Catholic communities, and align parish structures to better fulfill the mission of the Church. This process calls us to trust in the Holy Spirit, transform our local Church, and together move from maintenance to mission. Starting today inserts will be added to the bulletin with more details regarding "Journey in Faith". E-mails will also be sent out. It is important that everyone read these inserts to give everyone a better understanding of our role in this "Journey of Faith".

WEEKLY OFFERING

| Aug. 17 2025 Collection | |
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| Envelopes | \$ 245.00 |
| Offertory | 59.00 |
| Memorials | 200.00 |
| Total | \$ 504.00 |

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