

Daily Readings for the Week of Nov. 23rd

Nov.23: 2 Samuel 5:1-3/ Psalms 122:1-5/ Colossians 1:12-20/ Luke 23:35-43
Nov.24: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20/ Daniel 3:52-56/ Luke 21:1-4
Nov.25: Daniel 2:31-45/ Daniel 3:57-61/ Luke 21:5-11
Nov.26: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Daniel 3:62-67/ Luke 21:12-19
Nov.27: Sirach 50:22-24/ Psalms 138:1-5/ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9/ Luke 17:11-19
Nov.28: Daniel 7:2-14/ Daniel 3:75-81/ Luke 21:29-33
Nov.29: Sirach 44:1, 10-15/ Psalms 24:1-6/ Mark 10:17-21

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for Nov. 23, 2025

Lector: Shari
Greeters/Gifts: Lasack Family
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Mary/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jon/Margo

Schedule for Nov. 30, 2025

Lector: Oliver
Greeters/Gifts: J. Ahrendsen Family
Servers: Kevin/Grady
Money Counters: Jon/Mary A K
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Ron

Today's Mass Intention

John and Bettie Swan

Mass Intention Nov 30, 2025

Special Intention

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,
Carrie Leeper, Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes,
Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig, Marvin Ludwig,
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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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PASTOR SPEAKS

34th Sunday– Solemnity of Christ the King

On this ultimate Sunday of the current Liturgical Year, I have chosen to again share a reflection from Archbishop Zinkula as he seeks to stay close to parishioners during the Journey in Faith process. However, I also want to thank God and all of you, parishioners, for being part of this family and community of God's children and supporting it with your gifts of time, talents, and financial donations.

Next week we enter a new Liturgical Year A with the First Sunday of Advent. As we thank God for the past year, so do we pray and hope for a good Liturgical Year when we will all continue to grow spiritually and become more committed disciples of Christ in His dear Catholic Church.

A Reflection from Archbishop Zinkula

Although neither the United States nor the Catholic Church has royalty, both do have leaders who help to promote their respective missions. While all who are baptized have a call to holiness as they sacrifice (priest), preach/teach (prophet) and lead (king/shepherd), the church also implores the grace of Holy Orders upon those God has called as deacons, priests, and bishops. They are to facilitate "holy order" among God's people, in the manner of Jesus Christ the King, who led by humble example as a servant who emptied himself out entirely for His people.

Sadly, such a life is not attractive in today's world, and we find fewer candidates for ordination coming forward. A perceived shortage of priests has led many of the faithful to suggest that if priests were allowed to marry or if women were ordained as priests, then we could keep our churches open and enjoy the celebration of Masses in them. Yet these truths and disciplines are not ours to alter. Similarly, some people propose that we should have deacons assume more responsibility in the church and have them lead Communion services or Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP) with the distribution of Holy Communion. And if we don't have sufficient numbers of deacons, then ordain women as deacons. But diaconal ministry is not primarily sacramental or liturgical. Deacons can baptize and witness marriage vows, but so can those who are not ordained if there are special circumstances. Deacons especially are charged to foster charity, building a bridge between the secular world and church life. Kings and queens can order their subjects according to their desires. Sons and daughters of God humbly bow before Christ the King and beg for wisdom, understanding, and fortitude. We pray that God will pour out those gifts upon Archbishop Zinkula now as he ponders our input and continues to consult others about the next steps of the Journey in Faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

News

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart is November 30th after Mass.

The next "Table of Plenty" will be on December 7th.

Thanks so much to all of you who helped in any way to make our Cinnamon Roll Bake a success. We made over 113 dozens rolls, and our gross profit for the day was approximately \$1,300.00. There will be a complete accounting of income and expenses soon, and will be published in the bulletin as well as posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

Sacred Heart Parish Council is selling chances for a Fall Cash Drawing Fundraiser. Chances are \$10.00 each with only 500 chances sold. You have three chances to win with 1st Drawing for \$500, 2nd Drawing for \$250, 3rd Drawing for \$250. Drawing will be held sometime before Christmas! Need not be present to win. See Glenda or Kris after Mass if you wish to purchase a chance and support their fundraising efforts. Purchasing tickets will help us reach our fundraising goal. Please help our church.

Archbishop Zinkula has issued a decree regarding Mass Intentions/Stipend. **As of January 1, 2026, Mass Intentions/Stipends will increase to \$10.00 per Mass.** Any Mass Intentions all ready requested will be honored. A copy of the official decree is posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

Journey in Faith

Thank you to those of you who attended our Journey in Faith sessions, and took time to submit feedback to the Archdiocese. Our job is complete. Let us pray for Archbishop Zinkula as he makes decisions that may greatly affect our parish. We will keep you informed as we get information.

WEEKLY OFFERING

November 16, 2025 Colletion

Envelopes	\$200.00
Offertory	59.00
Candles	8.00
Total	\$267.00
Building Fund	\$200.00

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