

Daily Readings for the Week of Nov. 30th

Nov.30: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalms 122:1-9/ Romans 13:11-14/ Romans 13:11-14
Dec. 1: Isaiah 4:2-6/ Psalms 122:1-9/ Matthew 8:5-11
Dec. 2: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Luke 10:21-24
Dec. 3: Isaiah 25:6-10/ Psalms 23:1-6/ Matthew 15:29-37
Dec. 4: Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Dec. 5: Isaiah 29:17-24/ Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Matthew 9:27-31
Dec. 6: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/ Psalms 147:1-6/ Matthew 9:35--10:1, 5-8

Liturgical Ministries

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

Schedule for Dec. 7, 2025

Lector: Declan
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Kevin/Grady
Money Counters: Jon/Mary A K
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Ron

Schedule for Dec. 8, 2025

Lector: Volunteer Greeter/Gifts: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteer Money Counters: Sharon/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention

Special Intention
John and Bettie Swan

Mass Intention Dec. 7, 2025

Duane and Louis Feuss
Gib and Beulah Feuss

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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November 30, 2025

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1st Sunday of Advent

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A DECREE ON MASS INTENTIONS AND STIPENDS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Please consider reading about a recent decree made by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, in consultation with the Metropolitan bishops of the Province of Dubuque in Iowa, concerning Mass intentions and the stipends. You can find the full text on the church noticeboard and on the parish website.

“In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention” (can. 945 §1 CIC). Indeed, the Church has long held that it is in this way that the faithful are united more intimately to Christ, who offers Himself and, in a certain sense, are inserted even more deeply into communion with Him. Thus, this use is not only approved by the Church but also promoted by her.”

“It is because the faithful are aware of this grace that they “wish to unite themselves more closely to the Eucharistic Sacrifice through the offering, adding their own sacrifice and collaborating in the needs of the Church and, in particular, contributing to the maintenance of its sacred ministers... the Church not only approves but also recommends and encourages.”

“... because it has been more than 50 years since the institution of the current offering/stipend for the celebration of Mass for a specific intention for the Province of Dubuque – as well as on the basis of the experience accumulated since then by the Assembly of Bishops of the Province of Dubuque... this Assembly, having examined in depth all aspects of the question, has reached the conviction that new norms are needed to regulate the matter of the offering/stipend for the celebration of Mass for a specific intention in this Province.”

“Thus, I now promulgate the following regulations to complement those regulations now in force on the matter as prescribed in the 1983 Code of Canon Law (cf. canons. 945 – 958 CIC) ...:

Art. 1 §1 Pursuant to canon 952 §1 CIC, for the entire Province of Dubuque in Iowa, the offering/stipend to be given for the celebration and application of Mass is set at \$10.00.

§2 The offering/stipend of \$10.00 to be given for the celebration and application of Mass becomes effective January 1, 2026. However, all offerings/stipends already given and accepted for 2026 and beyond at the current designated amount of the province at \$5.00 are obligated to be fulfilled at that amount (cf. can. 949 CIC).

§3 Also pursuant to canon 952 §1 CIC, a priest is not permitted to seek a larger sum. Nevertheless, the priest is permitted to accept for the application of a Mass a voluntary offering/stipend, which is larger or smaller than the one defined in Article 1 §1.

§4 Furthermore, when one of the faithful offers a specific sum of money with the intention of at least some of it being given for the celebration and application of Masses but no number is stipulated and it is not possible to obtain a clear indication of the donor’s wishes, then it is necessary to celebrate the number of Masses that corresponds to the amount established for the Province: that is, the standard or established offering is the denominator of the amount received (cf. canon. 950 and 952 CIC).

§5 Members of all religious institutes in the Province of Dubuque must also observe the offering/stipend proscribed in Article 1 §1 as well as Article 1 §§2-4 (cf. can. 952 §3 CIC) ...”

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart is today, following Mass.

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

Refreshments will be served following Mass on December 7th. Refreshment Committee will be Marcela R., Carmie N., Karen B. Thank you ladies!!

Please remember that December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held that day at 6:00pm.

Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00 am.

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.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Cinnamon Roll Bake a success. We made 125 dozen rolls and a total of \$1,535 was deposited into our church account to help with church expenses. We have a great church family!!!

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 and on the website.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov. 23, 2025 Colletion

Envelopes	\$710.00
Offertory	78.00
Candles	7.00
Energy	10.00
All Saints	5.00
Total	\$810.00
Bldg. Fund	5.00

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