

Daily Readings for the Week of April 19, 2026

April 19: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ 1 Peter 1:17-21/
Luke 24:13-35
April 20: Acts 6:8-15/ Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ John 6:22-29
April 21: Acts 7:51--8:1/ Psalms 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/ John 6:30-35
April 22: Acts 8:1-8/ Psalms 66:1-7/ John 6:35-40/
April 23: Acts 8:26-40/ Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ John 6:44-51
April 24: Revelation 3:7-8, 10-12/ Psalms 119:137-144/ John 10:11-16
April 25: 1 Peter 5:5-14/ Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mark 16:15-20

Liturgical Ministries

Schedule for April 19th

Lector: Eli
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Kevin
Money Counters: Margo/Mary A M
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Margo/Jon

Schedule for April 26th

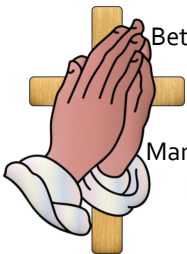
Lector: Katie
Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family
Servers: Grady/Kevin
Money Counters: Mary A K/Kris
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist : Mary A M/Ron

Today's Mass Intention John and Bettie Swan

Mass Intention April 26, 2026
Deceased Members of
Koppes and Schewe Families

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, Heather Scheiman, Bill Ihns,
Mary Hansen, Marilyn Stevenson, Ed Schwers,
Gene Schwers, Julie Ahrendsen, Carrie Leeper,
Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig,
Marvin Ludwig, Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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April 19, 2026

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3rd Sunday of Easter

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

Third Sunday of Easter— Walking Together in Hope

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is no denying that these past days have brought difficult news to our three sister parishes, as we will no longer be linked parishes—each one now belongs to a different pastorate in the archdiocese. I also will no longer be serving in the three parishes come July 14.

Change has come in a way we did not expect, and with it a real sense of loss, especially as two of our churches will no longer be hosting weekend Mass. Archbishop Zinkula’s fraternal letter to all the people of the archdiocese is part of the bulletin inserts for this week. Please take your time to read it.

Naturally, there may be feelings of sadness, confusion, disappointment, and even grief. Even Jesus’ disciples on the road to Emmaus knew those same feelings well. They walked away from Jerusalem heavy-hearted, trying to make sense of what had happened and unsure of what the future might hold. They even said, “We were hoping,” as they spoke of their disappointment. Yet the Gospel reminds us that Jesus drew near and walked with them, even before they recognized Him.

The entire experience that followed reminds us that Jesus comes precisely in such moments. He listened to their story, opened the Scriptures to them, and later was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Their hearts burned within them as He spoke. The same is true for us now. Christ is not absent in this transition. He is present in our prayers, in our personal and collective memories, in the friendships we share in our parishes, in the Scriptures, and in the Eucharist. Jesus still speaks to make our hearts burn within us. So let us listen to Him and remain in His company in the new pastorates.

As St. Peter reminds us, our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead. We are not losing who we are as the people of God; rather, we are being invited to live that identity in a new way, in new places, and with new people. In the days ahead, let us be patient and gentle with one another. Also, let us remain open to how the Lord is leading us forward, and embrace the change even if it comes with difficulties. Please let us continue to pray for one another and together let us trust that the Lord has His mark on all our experiences as an archdiocesan Church

Peace be with you.

Fr. Andrew

There will be a Parish Council meeting will be today in the library following Mass.

Next Sunday, April 26th, we will celebrate the First Communion of Gus and Ellis Ahrendsen and Whyatt Inglis during Mass. Please plan on attending and supporting the boys, their parents and families on this special day.

The next meeting of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart is April 26 after Mass.

The next “Bible in a Year” study group will be April 22th at 6:15 in the church library.

The 33 Days of Morning Glory book study will this Tuesday April 28th at 6:15 in the church library.

During the weekend of May 2-3, we will take up the *Our Call to Share – Spring collection*, a 4-in-1 collection supoprting regional and national Catholic ministries. By giving beyond our local parish, we respond to Christ’s call to be as one body – united in faith and mission – throughout the broader Church. This week we highlight two of the four collections that make up the spring *Our Call to Share Collection*.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development – The national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops, focused on empowering people to break the cycle of poverty, rather than simply addressing its symptoms.

The Retirement Fund for Religious – Supporting congregations of religious sisters, brothers, and priests from across the United States who do not have adequate funding to support their members’ retirement and healthcare costs.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection for April 12, 2026	
Envelope	\$ 402.00
Offertory	55.00
Candles	13.00
Easter	150.00
TOTAL	\$ 620.00
Building 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