

## Daily Readings for the Week of Sept. 28th

Sept.28: Amos 6:1, 4-7/ Psalms 146:7-10/ 1 Timothy 6:11-16/  
Luke 16:19-31

Sept.29: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/ Psalms 138:1-5/ John 1:47-51

Sept.30: Zechariah 8:20-23/ Psalms 87:1-7/ Luke 9:51-56

Oct. 1: Nehemiah 2:1-8/ Psalms 137:1-6/ Luke 9:57-62

Oct. 2: Exodus 23:20-23/ Psalms 91:1-6, 10-11/ Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Oct. 3: Baruch 1:15-22/ Psalms 79:1-5, 8-9/ Luke 10:13-16

Oct. 4: Sirach 50:1, 3-4, 6-7/ Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/ Galatians 6:14-18

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for Sept. 28, 2025

### Schedule for October 5, 2025

Lector: Nathan

Greeters/Gifts: Rickels Family

Servers: Grady/Evie

Money Counters: Sharon/Margo

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Ron

Lector: Margo

Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family

Servers: Kevin

Money Counters: Monte/Jon

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist : Margo/Ron

### Today's Mass Intention

**Treyton Lange**

Mass Intention Oct. 5, 2025

John & Bettie Swan

### 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,  
Paul Rowan, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew

# SACRED HEART

**"BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
OF SACRED HEART: LOVE,  
PRAYER & SERVICE"**



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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September 28, 2025

### Sacred Heart Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

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#### Office Hours:

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

Phone: 319-895-6246

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Wed. & Thurs.: 10:00am-3:00pm

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Jon Eganhouse

Abby Inglis

Amber Fall

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Glenda Leeper

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to “compete well for the faith.” These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## News

There will be a Ladies of the Sacred Heart Meeting after Mass today. We will be making a decision on the Cinnamon Roll Bake and discussing the Outdoor Mass/Potluck on October 12th.

Our next Bible Study will be Oct. 8th at 6:15. If this date and time changes, you will be notified. We always have room for more to attend.

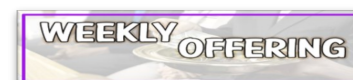
The October Liturgy Schedule is available at each end of the hallway.

Table of Plenty will take place on October 5th.

We will be celebrating the beginning of Fall by having an outdoor Mass followed by a Potluck/Picnic. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.



The next step in the Journey in Faith process will be Session #3 which will be held on October 19th after Mass at the church. This session will be led by the Journey in Faith leadership team from our own parish. This is the time for questions, concerns and ideas to keep our parish open. We urge everyone to attend this meeting to get a better idea of what our next step will be.



#### Sept. 21, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 775.00
Offertory	101.00
Candles	12.00
Table of Plenty	280.00
Faith Formation	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,178.00</b>
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](mailto:dbq155sec@dbqarch.org) to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM