

## Daily Readings for the Week of April 12, 2026

April 12: Acts 2:42-47/ Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ 1 Peter 1:3-9/  
John 20:19-31

April 13: Acts 4:23-31/ Psalms 2:1-9/ John 3:1-8

April 14: Acts 4:32-37/ Psalms 93:1-2, 5/ John 3:7-15

April 15: Acts 5:17-26/ Psalms 34:2-9/ John 3:16-21

April 16: Acts 5:27-33/ Psalms 34:2, 9, 17-20/ John 3:31-36

April 17: Acts 5:34-42/ Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14/ John 6:1-15

April 18: Acts 6:1-7/ Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ John 6:16-21

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for April 12th

Lector: Steve

Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family

Servers: Kevin/Evie

Money Counters: Sharon/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Ron/Rick

### 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

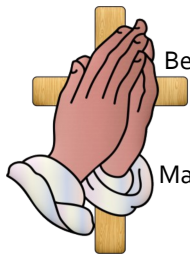
### Today's Mass Intention Otto and Janice Lasack

Mass Intention April 19, 2026

John and 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](mailto:DBQ137@dbqarch.org).

### PRAYER CORNER



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Margaret Fowler, Larry Marek, Marsha Lasack, Phyllis Ludwig,  
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# SACRED HEART

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April 12, 2026

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

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Colleen Coon

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Glenda Leeper

### Finance Council Members:

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

**Divine Mercy and Hope in Times of Change**

This weekend, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) while learning about the newly formed pastorates of parishes within the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Hopefully, by the close of this Sunday, if you have not heard it before, you will certainly know which pastorate our parish belongs to.

While personal emotions may be high and low for different parishioners across the archdiocese, the common denominator is the change every parish has experienced, albeit not to the same degree. However, it is the interest of the archdiocese that should be considered at this time so that together we can forge ahead and tackle the evangelization phase, seeking to work together and invite more people to fill our churches.

Consider what Saint Paul said in Romans 8:18-20: “I consider that our present sufferings are not comparable to the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but because of the One who subjected it, in hope.” We can learn from Paul’s exhortation, with hope, and look ahead amidst the pain of change to see brighter, stronger parishes in the archdiocese.

This Sunday of Divine Mercy should bring us hope. It is a feast based on our Catholic belief in God’s mercy, which leads us to engage in the various devotions related to the Divine Mercy. Looking at God’s mercy through the lens of Sister Faustina’s encounters with Jesus and what the Lord assured the world and instructed to promote is remarkable. That led Saint John Paul II to institute it as a feast to be combined with the Second Sunday of Easter. The Church finds herself again at a critical moment in world history to reemphasize the tremendous gift of God’s mercy to us.

Once again, take a keen interest in the following Divine Mercy devotional practices: The 3 o’clock hour—pause to think about the Passion of Christ and say the simple Divine Mercy prayers: “Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” and “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” You can follow the pattern of praying the rosary using the prayer above as recommended or simply repeat the prayer a few times. Pick any Divine Mercy Chaplet, learn how to pray it, and do it daily or regularly.

Fr. Andrew

Table of Plenty is taking place today, April 12th before and after Mass.

Refreshments are being served today, April 12th following Mass. The Refreshment Committee: Kathy M, Amy E. and Mary A K Thank you ladies!

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 15th at 6:15 in the church library.

The next Parish Council meeting will be April 19th in the library following Mass.

Thank you to all who were able to give of your time, talent and treasure during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Everything looked so beautiful—thanks to those who decorated. Our liturgies were beautiful and inspiring— thanks to those that could participate. We are blessed to have a church family who cares and is eager to help out.

**Journey in Faith: Final Pastorate Plan Announcement**

After careful discernment, prayer, and consultation, Archbishop Zinkula has announced the final pastorate structure for the Archdiocese of Dubuque in a video message on April 11. In addition to the message shared during Masses this weekend, specific information to our parish, our new pastorate, and the priests assigned can be found at [dbqjourneyinfaith.org](http://dbqjourneyinfaith.org).

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Collection for April 5, 2026</b>	
<b>Envelope</b>	<b>\$ 770.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>22.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>695.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,987.00</b>
<b>Unrestricted Bequest \$20,717.55</b>	
<b>Leonard Lasack</b>	

**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