# Daily Readings for the Week of March 2, 2025

Mar. 2: Sirach 27:4-7/ Psalms 92:2-3, 13-16/ 1 Corinthians 15:54-58/

Luke 6:39-45

Mar.3: Sirach 17:20-24/ Psalms 32:1-2, 5-7/ Mark 10:17-27

Mar.4: Sirach 35:1-12/ Psalms 50:5-8, 14, 23/ Mark 10:28-31

Mar.5: Joel 2:12-18/ Psalms 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/ 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2

Mar.6: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalms 1:1-4, 6/ Luke 9:22-25

Mar.7: Isaiah 58:1-9/ Psalms 51:3-6, 18-19/ Matthew 9:14-15

Mar.8: Isaiah 58:9-14/ Psalms 86:1-6/ Luke 5:27-32



### Schedule for March 9, 2025

Lector: Mark

<u>Greeters/Gifts</u>: CCD//Confirmands <u>Servers</u>: Grady/Kevin/Evie/Gabi

Money Counters: Mark/Jon Extraordinary Ministers

of the Eucharist: Mark/Doris

## Today's Mass Intention Otto and Janice Lasack

Mass Intention March 9th Schewe and Koppes Family

# 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

## **Prayer Corner**



Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, John Swan,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



# SACRED HEART



March 2, 2025

#### **Sacred Heart Office Hours**

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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#### **Office Hours:**

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

Phone: 319-895-6246

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## 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Brett Moorman

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Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## **PASTOR SPEAKS**

#### 2025 Lenten Retreat

Please find the message below something from the speaker at the mission. I asked him to personally share something directly with the parishioners to invite them.

For my birthday a few years back, my wife Stephanie bought me one of those fitness activity bands. If you're not familiar with these, it's a small device that you wear on your wrist, and its main purpose is to monitor how active you are and to motivate you to get moving and get healthier. It monitors the number of steps you've taken, miles walked, calories burned, stairs climbed, and even how long you've slept at night. (And it even tells you what time it is!) The one I had also monitored my heart rate, so I knew when to increase my workout. I loved this thing! And since wearing it, I had changed many of my old habits and took the necessary steps (pun intended) to improve my well-being.

This is exactly why I love Lent! It's a time for us to monitor our daily spiritual activities. It's a time for us to realize that we are not doing the things that we should be doing (or perhaps doing things that we should not be doing). We need to check our heart to see if we are loving others, treating them with respect, and putting their needs before our own. We need to measure the amount of steps we've walked in another's shoes, so we may not judge others according to our own standards or personal beliefs. We need to wake from our sleep and be rejuvenated in our faith and in our prayer life. But how do we do this?

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, we are given a unique opportunity to step away from our busy lives and draw closer to God. That's why I'd like to personally invite you to join me for our Lenten mission: Recharging Your Spiritual Batteries - a time of renewal and spiritual growth designed to reconnect with God, recharge your faith life, and equip you with the tools to live as disciples of Jesus.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience God's presence and deepen your connection with God. I can't wait to welcome you and embark on this sacred journey together. See you on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you always.

Deacon Allen Tatara



The "Table of Plenty" will be open today before and after Mass.

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Sacred Heart has three students who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 9th, 2025. Please keep Declan Dies, Timothy Driver and Lucas Carlson in your prayers as they get prepare for their special day.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on March 7th for Sacred Heart OJ starting at 6pm with Stations of the Cross.

RECHARGING YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERS — Lenten Parish Mission. Sunday, March 9th and 10th 6:30-7:45 St. John Mt, Vernon. Presented by Deacon Allen Tatara, a dynamic and passionate Catholic motivational speaker, preacher, storyteller, musician and evangelist.

In many ways our spiritual life is a lot like a cell phone battery. There are times when our "spiritual battery" is fully charged. We can all use a recharge in our faith journey. Please join us for both of Deacon Tatara's presentations. Through Scripture, stories, humor and song, this Parish Mission will revive your spiritual batteries.



### Feb. 23, 2025 Collection

TOTAL	\$ 695.00
Candles	29.00
Offertory	53.00
Envelopes	\$ 613.00

## Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM

695.00